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WEATHER
 Today: Scattered T-Storms
 High 74, Low 32
 Wednesday: Showers
 High 68, Low 58
 Thursday: Few Showers
 High 64, Low 53

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Bison Win 4th Straight vs. Morgan



The Bison extend their winning streak to four games with the exciting 47-35 overtime win against Morgan State University. Roland "Jay" Colbert rushed for over 100 yards and a touchdown in Howard's fourth straight win. See full story, Sports B4.

Students Disagree With Reinstatement Of Military Draft

BY LAUREN STEPHENS
 Hilltop Staff Writer

Proposed to the House by a Democrat and dismissed by the Republicans as a ploy to remove President Bush from the White House, the draft has been a hot topic of discussion. Regardless of the initial cause, the possibility of the reinstatement of a mandatory military draft has been an important issue for young voters in this year's presidential election.

Both presidential candidates have spoken out against the proposal for a military draft.

Last year, United States Representative Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., proposed the bill to the House.

According to an October 6 cnn.com article, the legislation was defeated 402-2 last year in the House and a vote is still pending in the Senate. Political science professor John Davis said that the likelihood of the reinstatement of the draft is highly unlikely.

"It's been a lot of Internet traffic and most certainly a lot of

talk amongst Charles Rangel and a few others, but it's not going to go anywhere. It's nice to have as many bodies as possible, but the problem with the draft is that there is such a big turnover. People come in for a year or two and then they are gone, as opposed to volunteer. You know that this is their career and these are soldiers you can count on," Davis said.

The would-be target for the draft is Americans between the ages of 18 and 26, without regard to gender as it did during the 1960s. The mandatory requirement for service would be two years in either military or civilian duty.

For students, like junior English major Aarin Williams, who do not support the draft or the war in Iraq, in the event the draft was reinstated, she would dodge it like so many young Americans did during the Vietnam War.

"If people were dodging it in the 50s, I know now people would dodge it twice as much.

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Howard Vendors Share History, Longevity of Customer Service

BY AYESHA RASCOE
 Hilltop Staff Writer

Dispensing food and pleasant conversation, Howard University vendors provide students with a convenient way to grab a quick bite between classes. Yet, most students may know very little about the people behind the carts. Though they may not receive much recognition, many of these salespeople share a long history with the University and they are a part of the eclectic patchwork that is the Howard community.

James McLaughlin, who operates the food stand located in front of the School of Social Work, has been a vendor on campus since before many of the current undergraduate students were born. Dressed in a blue workman's jumpsuit and a warm winter coat, McLaughlin

discussed the changes in the student body that he's noticed during his 38 years at Howard.

"They're a whole lot better than they used to be; they're much nicer," McLaughlin said. "You used to hear a whole lot of boom box music and cussing. [Now] it's real nice and quiet."

As pleasant aromas drew customers to his stand, McLaughlin was friendly and playful as he talked about his past. Raised in Danville, Va. on a tobacco farm, he decided to open a food cart after the gas station he owned was burned down during the 1968 riots in Washington, D.C. After the loss of his gas station, McLaughlin said it was not easy to start over but he knew he wanted to go into a business where he did not need to hire employees.

Overall McLaughlin said that his experience as a vendor

has not been bad.

"Taken on the whole, it's the nice people. That's why I won't quit," McLaughlin said.

He does not plan to quit anytime soon, but at age 75, McLaughlin admits that he has slowed down a bit and is more likely to miss a day if there is bad weather.

"For years I would never sit down, but now I sit down off my legs when I get the chance," he said.

Selling a variety of foods, including hot dogs and soups, he claims that throughout the years he has never had any complaints about his food and his steady crowd of customers indicate that there may be some truth to the claim.

However, more than just good food brings loyal custom-

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Conference Declares Emergency Among Black Men

BY KEITH LAING
 Life & Style Editor

Ladies who have been searching for Howard's "good Black men" needed to look no further than the School of Business auditorium last week, as the room was filled with men from all walks of campus life.

The men were gathered because the 21st Century Advantage Program Men's Conference declared that there is a "State of Emergency" among black men in America today and called them together to discuss the solutions. According to the mission statement of the conference, its purpose was to "uplift, enlighten and inspire young African-American males to be strong, responsible, chivalrous men."

"Howard accepted more African-American males this year than it has in the past five years," Bernadette Williams, director of the conference, said. "I want to make sure that we weren't going to lose them. We needed something to bridge the gap between the curriculum and what is really happening out here. I wanted to bring in positive role models to let them know that they aren't in this by themselves."

The program, which took place Friday, Oct. 15, was a two-hour session featuring speakers from religious, educational and criminal backgrounds, with

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Running to and from class, students depend on the quick snacks Howard's vendors offer each day, as many of the cart owners share a long and rich history serving the University.

Talents Leave Cramton Auditorium 'Burning'

BY JABARI SMITH
 Contributing Writer

Burning Hot on Tha' Hilltop provided a platform for students to showcase their talents on Thursday evening in Cramton Auditorium. Bringing in a crowd that filled a little more than half of the auditorium, the show also featured a high-energy performance from BME recording artist Lil' Serappy.

Sponsored by Howard's own Endustry Power Players (EPP), in conjunction with Chief Element Entertainment, Burning Hot on Tha' Hilltop featured artists competing and showcasing talent in the rap/hip-hop, R&B, gospel, dance and poetry arenas. Vying for a spot as the opening act at Yardfest 2004, contestants were judged in categories such as speech, interpretation, movement and voice.

Hosting the first half of the event was WPGC 95.5 radio personality, Rane. Before introducing each segment, she hyped the crowd to a call and response of "Who Ready? We Ready!"

Poet Tiger Lily kicked off the performances with an interpretation of an original poem entitled "Hairpiece."

Following the poetry portion of the show was a dance segment that moved the crowd. Vizion Performance Team and Stepz Dance Group squared off as they both danced to a medley of hip-hop and reggae hits.

"I loved performing in the show because performing is my passion," Vizion Performance Team member Samara Atkins said. "Winning was not even important."

Gospel contestants inspired the crowd with song and spoken word testaments of their strong faith in a higher power.

"The gospel segment was my favorite

part of the show," freshman math major Rana Simms said. "It's refreshing to see that a gospel segment was included in the show."

The final segments of the night were in the categories of hip-hop and R&B. Chicago R&B singer Brand'N showed that he could connect with the audience by serenading the ladies and showering them with roses and a teddy bear.

Rap group XL entertained the crowd during the hip-hop segment with their original song, "Feel This."

Taking over as host for the second half of the event, School of Communications Student Council President Byron Stewart announced the winners at the end of the showcase.

In third place was soul band The

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Messiah and others competed for the opportunity to be the opening act at Homecoming's Yardfest.

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Students' Opinions Split on the Need for 24-Hour Shuttle

BY LA'TRISHA GOMER
Hilltop Staff Writer

Freshman pre-pharmacy major Inem Ekpo was coming home after a night of hanging out with her friends. She stood with six other girls outside of the Shaw/Howard University metro station waiting for the Howard shuttle bus to arrive. It was 2:30 a.m. on a Saturday, and there was no sign of the shuttle.

The girls decided to call Campus Police, and according to Ekpo, it took an hour for an officer to arrive at the station. The shuttle bus never came.

This situation is common among students who frequently use the shuttle bus service. After

12 a.m. on the weekdays and 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, students in need of a ride home have to call Campus Police.

Interim Campus Police Chief Lawrence Thomas said that campus police get an average of 15 students per night using the escort service after the shuttle bus stops running.

Sophomore education major Candace Davis believes that a 24-hour shuttle bus service would alleviate many of the delays that students face when waiting after hours.

"Every night I have to call the campus escort to take me to Meridian [Hall], and they usually take an hour to get there. I could understand the lack of

continuous shuttle services if we were in a nice neighborhood but we're not, and waiting for the escort can be dangerous sometimes," Davis said.

George Washington University, which is contracted by International Limousine Service, the same company that provides service to HU, has 24-hour continuous shuttle bus service running every 15 minutes between 7 a.m. and 12 a.m. and every 30 minutes between 12 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Margo Smith, assistant vice president for Auxiliary Enterprises, said that Howard decided that it would be safer for students to call the escort service after a certain time, rather

then have the buses running throughout the night.

"The University reviewed the decision after looking at other schools that had 24-hour shuttle service and decided that it would be better to have students waiting inside for the escort than waiting on the corner for a shuttle bus," Smith said.

Junior radio, television and film major Maya Roseman feels that there is no real need for 24-hour shuttle bus services at Howard.

"Our campus is not as spread out as some of the other campuses in D.C. so the only people who would really need 24-hour shuttle bus services are the people who live in Meridian," Roseman said.

Junior music education major Eric Jenkins said that not having 24-hour shuttle bus services is an annoyance.

"When I'm coming from band trips the shuttle is usually not running, so to avoid waiting an hour for Campus Police I usually have to walk," Jenkins said.

Smith mentioned the fact that the buses are on a schedule and if the shuttle bus did run 24-hours per day, students would still have to wait.

"Nobody is going to be totally satisfied. We're in a major city with traffic jams that affect the shuttle buses as well," Smith said.

Sophomore accounting major Cortland Smith believes that the current schedule of the shuttle bus is not fair to students.

"We're paying too much money to not have sufficient shuttle bus services. In my opinion we're not getting our money's worth."



Alveda Alexander, Staff Photographer

Students contemplate the need for continuous bus schedules at Howard, as many wait extended periods for campus escorts after hours.

Bad Weather Doesn't Deter International Pals

BY SUEANN TANNIS
Contributing Writer

Threatening storm clouds, a late start and the absence of planned music entertainment could not mar the International Pals' (I-Pals) Fun Day at Rock Creek Park on Saturday.

The gathering of about 120 attendees, including students, alumni and friends from Africa, the Caribbean and North America. A picnic buffet, which started three hours late, proved to be the main attraction.

Vietnamese-Canadian I-Pal Tina Tran said the event's international menu was one of the reasons for its success.

"It helps because when people miss home, they want to have a piece of home as well, so we tried to bring food from different places," she said.

Jamaica native and junior physician's assistant major Taryn Forrest agreed. She

said the diverse ethnic cuisine was one of her main reasons for attending.

"It's home-cooked food, not just Jamaican or fried chicken or whatever," she said. "It's good to taste some other cultures."

Forrest was part of a steady crowd gathered around two tables laden with international delicacies.

The I-Pals and Tobago's Restaurant, a Caribbean eatery, produced a wide menu that only cost attendees \$4 each. Island-style macaroni pie, a Trinidadian rice and vegetables dish, pelau, tropical fruit, Vietnamese spring rolls and stewed oxtails were a part of the day's carte du jour.

But while food held the attention of some, games were also the order of the day.

Three-card-knock-romie, a traditional Trinidadian card game and black jack held the attention of a group gathered at one of the 10 table spots occu-

pled by the picnicking group.

Others opted for more active recreation in an improvised game of baseball played with a broken branch and a ball made of aluminum foil. Some also jump-roped the day away amid spirited laughter and chatter.

However, all did not enjoy the day as much as they hoped to because of below normal autumn temperatures. Brisk winds and occasional light showers sent most of the attendees from tropical climates shivering beneath coats, jackets and windbreakers.

Intermingling Caribbean and African exclamations of "I am so cold!" could be heard as the day went on.

However, freshman chemical engineering major Andrew Wilson, who was invited by a friend, was not phased.

"It's bearable, you know, it's not that bad. The sun comes out every once in a while," he said.

In spite of the poor weather conditions, I-Pals coordinator, Kyle Lequay, said he felt the event was a success.

According to him, it helped to get international students and their friends away from mundane campus life for a day of fun.

"This is a time for everyone to come together, a home away from home, to sit down with country-mates and people from other countries," he said. "We're a family."

Lequay also added that the Fun Day is one of the I-Pals' efforts to continue the 20-year-old legacy of helping international students settle in at Howard.

The I-Pals have a number of other activities planned for the academic year including a game night and an international sports day during the spring semester.

TILT: A New Learning Tool at Howard

BY AYESHA RASCOE
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Information Literacy Tutorial, TILT@Howard, is an interactive computer program that helps people learn about finding and utilizing information resources. The new learning tool designed to teach its users from a different angle, is now available to the Howard community online at www.howard.edu/library.

Adapted from the University of Texas at Austin's TILT program, TILT@Howard consists of three modules dealing with three different areas of library research: selecting appropriate resources, searching resources and locating, evaluating and citing resources. Each module contains a quiz that is to be completed after the user has looked over all of the presented information.

"In short, TILT is an educational tool that presents information, invites interaction with the information and tests recall or reasoning," Arthuree Wright, associate director for Information, Research and Resource Services (IRRS) at Howard, said.

Wright worked on a team with Howard library staff members over the spring and summer of 2004 to modify this program specifically for the use of Howard students, in particular, incoming freshmen.

Wright said that over the years, University librarians have attempted different techniques to "help students enhance and upgrade their information gathering skills."

In the past, free library classes were offered to students but most students did not participate. As a result, the librarians searched for other options.

"We realized that some students arrive at Howard with excellent search strategies, while others need help getting started but may or may not feel comfortable seeking out assistance," Wright said. "We learned about TILT from colleagues at other libraries and secured permission to adapt the coding from the staff at University of Texas at Austin, where it was developed."

According to Wright, studies published in journal literature have indicated that most university professors observed improved quality of papers and bibliographies after students used TILT. It is hoped that these same types of results can be produced here at Howard.

"We believe that better

information management skills will enable the student, indeed anyone, to more effectively find and evaluate information sources, and in the end make more enlightened decisions, therefore succeeding," director of libraries Mohamed Mekkawi said.

Currently, over 405 students have registered on TILT. Over 300 of these students are currently enrolled in English 002 or 003.

English professor Daiyyah Abdullah recently took her freshman composition classes to the library for the TILT orientation that is mandatory for all freshman English classes.

Abdullah, who says she has observed the librarians search for a way to introduce freshmen to research on a college level, is very pleased with the TILT program.

"They have been trying to work out orientation for freshmen for about three years," Abdullah said. "I like this best because it was very consistent."

Abdullah feels that TILT really caught her students' attention and that they took the activity seriously. She said this was her first time doing a library orientation without having a problem with students visiting other websites on the computer.

One of Abdullah's students, Ziafar Mahmoodt, a freshman chemical engineering major said he found TILT to be helpful.

"I definitely thought it was useful," Mahmoodt said. "You get that format for citing references in papers. It also allows you to take quizzes on what you gained for your readings."

Not everyone was as enthusiastic as Mahmoodt about the use of the computer program.

"I think it's useless," freshman political science major Joey Wallace said.

He feels that most people will disregard or forget about the guidelines TILT sets out for research when they leave orientation.

"People are not going to use it on their own," Wallace said.

Wright said that student and faculty input would be used to update and modify the tutorial. Although it is currently aimed at freshmen, both Wright and Mekkawi stress that anyone can use TILT and in the future it will not be directed exclusively toward freshmen.

"It's the library's plan to work closely with our instructors to expand TILT@Howard to as many students as possible," Mekkawi said.

VOICES & VIEWS

How would you describe the current state of the Black man in America?



Brooks Gore
International Business Major
Sophomore

"I feel that further progress has to be made on our own. We cannot be complacent and make excuses, we have to make our way like the Black men before us."



Latief Johnson
Radio Production Major
Senior

"I think that in order to rise we have to love the brother man and the other man. Basically, what I'm trying to say is, you got five dollars can I borrow?"



Rachel Hale
TV Major
Senior

"I feel as though the current state of the Black man has a lot of potential and is on a steady rise, but glorifies the materialism of the entertainment industry too much."



Billy Bradshaw
Radio Production Major
Senior

"We have accomplished a great deal but have a long way to go."



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SHARA'S SOAPBOX:



The Most Overlooked WMD

BY SHARA D. TAYLOR
Campus/Online Editor

I sat dumbfounded in the hotel conference room filled with my peers for the Black AIDS Institute's Mobilization Initiative this weekend in Atlanta.

I had never felt so small, so insignificant, but at the same time, so powerful. For one moment in my life, I was speechless, as I listened to students from various HBCUs share stories of how the HIV/AIDS pandemic has affected their lives and the lives of those closest to them.

There was a girl who lost her stepfather and aunt to it. There was a mother and a father who no longer have a son to embrace. There were Hydeia and Jonathan, both in their 20s, both living with the virus.

I felt my eyes misting up at different points during our dialogue, trying to maintain my otherwise nonchalant demeanor. Others left the room in order to regain their composure and organize their thoughts as they fought back tears.

We had gathered to discuss ways to combat and eventually eradicate the plague that has devastated and even decimated Black families and communities (in some cases, entire countries) around the world.

Most of us were student journalists who held a common goal: to negate the effects of ignorance toward sexuality and HIV/AIDS on our respective campuses. We did not know each other when we arrived, but we all understood the power we possess to change the way people view themselves and their relation to the disease.

Although I have never been directly confronted by the viral killer, I couldn't help but feel my heart constrict a little tighter in my chest as I heard individual accounts from people who have come face to face with the unrelenting, colorblind malady.

While I count my blessings that I have not had to experience this unimaginable level of pain and heartbreak, I do not accept the notion that I am exempt from being touched by the spread of this disease.

I have heard stories about some of the sexually irresponsible activities taking place across this campus. This may seem extreme (or even morbid), but I often wonder when I will be forced to deal with the same tragedy that millions of other people have faced (and continue to face) across the globe.

When will one of my friends or relatives reveal to me that he or she has been infected? When will I have to tackle the reality that this pestilence has a chokehold on us that replicates itself through our naiveté?

How many of you have friends who don't seem to take the threat seriously enough to protect themselves each time they lay with a new partner? How many of you know someone who still attempts to prove his manhood (or her femininity) through conquests of the opposite sex? How many of you fit this description?

Senior marketing major and Memphis, Tenn. native Shara D. Taylor has retreated to her room to make sense of everything she saw and heard this weekend. If you need to make contact with her, you may be able to reach her at sharaoncampus@hotmail.com. She encourages you to take care of yourself and each other.

Campus Calendar

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

HUSA in Your House Tour
Dialogue with HUSA
Slowe Hall
7 p.m.

Phi Sigma Pi
"Relax. Relate. Release."
Exploration of stress relief
Blackburn Hilltop Lounge
7:16 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

Enlightened Minds
General Body Meeting
School of Business
Room 218
7 p.m.

General Assembly
General Body Meeting
Blackburn Forum
7 p.m.
Held every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

Thursday, October 21, 2004

HUSA presents...
"Bison to the Bone!!!"
fundraising event
Blackburn cafeteria
2 p.m.-5 p.m.

HUSA in Your House Tour
Dialogue with HUSA
Carver Hall
7 p.m.

Saturday, October 23, 2004

HUSA is looking for 50 volunteers Emmaus Services of the Aging

Help package and deliver food to seniors
9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Contact: hucommunity@utreach@yahoo.com

Monday, October 25, 2004

I need to double check this time because their website says differently.
Thursday, October 21, 2004
HUSA presents...
"Bison to the Bone!!!"
fundraising event
Blackburn cafeteria
2 p.m.-5 p.m.

The Campus Calendar is published weekly. Submissions for University-recognized organizations should be submitted to sharaoncampus@hotmail.com no later than Friday, October 22, 2004 by noon to appear in the October 26 issue of Campus Calendar.

Food Advisory Board Meets to Hear Student Concerns About Eating Options On Campus

BY JENNIFER D. OWENS
Contributing Writer

Thursday marked the first meeting of the school year for the Howard Food Advisory Board. The heads of each Sodexo food service at Howard invited students to voice concerns and pleasures they have with the food service this year.

"This meeting is to establish trust, understanding and cooperation between all of us," Herman McKinney, unit manager of Food Services, said.

Marcus Worley, executive chef of the Blackburn Cafeteria informed the students that they play a major role in the food service on campus.

"I look at you as customers, not as students. If you aren't here for us to serve, we are out of business," he said.

Managers of the Blackburn restaurant, Blackburn cafeteria, Bethune Dining Hall, the Punch Out and Jazzman's Café cart were in attendance, urging students and faculty to not hold back when voicing problems.

Issues addressed ranged from the possible return of meal card use in the Punch Out to workers touching unclean surfaces before serving food.

"On many occasions, I have seen employees touch everything but food in the serving area before touching the food without changing their gloves,"



Students voiced their concerns and compliments at the initial Howard Food Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, including cleanliness of workers and the increase of fruit and variety at Jazzman's cart in the Administration Building.

freshman acting major Amanda Henderson said.

At the beginning of each school year, every Sodexo employee is required to attend Hazardous Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) training. During the training session, changing gloves after possible contact with tainted surfaces or leaving and returning to the service area is required.

"This is the number one cause of food-borne sickness," Worley said.

Another concern of students was that the food and service lack the same level of quality during weekend meals.

"The food quality is really

low on the weekends, but the juice dispensers work more often this year in Blackburn," sophomore political science major Matthew Cooper said.

The Jazzman's cart in the Administration Building is in the process of upgrading its service. A second cash register will soon be added to minimize the amount of time people spend in line, as well as making the machines credit card accessible.

In general, students feel that the food in the Bethune Annex cafeteria is better than the food in the Blackburn cafeteria.

The return of an

International Food Day in the restaurant was recommended to bring in more variety.

Carol C. Shelton, executive assistant to the Vice Provost said, "I am pleased to see that we have greatly increased our fruit selection. Other schools eat healthy and I am glad Howard is now doing something to reduce the health problems of overweight Blacks."

Vernita Washington, man-

ager of the Punch Out, noted that they have taken steps to ensure healthy options for students.

"We do not add salt to any of our food for obvious health reasons," she said.

A new program, Surprise Someone, gives students and faculty a chance to order gifts containing packaged food for purchase. The program offers selections of a birthday cake, pizza, breakfast and dessert. There is a choice of a card and balloon bouquet at an extra charge. Prices range from \$20-\$30.

The Food Advisory Board wants to remind students to fill out a suggestion form for the suggestion box whenever they witness or encounter problems at any of the food stations. "We really do check the box. Feel free to write the person's name down or the time and day they worked. We will talk to the worker and fix the problem as best we can," McKinney said, as other board members agreed.

The Food Advisory Board meets once a month and all students are invited to voice their opinions.

Know Your University: Rankin Memorial Chapel

BY SONIA SUMMERS
Contributing Writer

Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel was built in 1895, 28 years after Howard was founded and it still stands today. This building has served many purposes ranging from art exhibitions to memorial services and is positioned on the southeast corner of Howard Place and Sixth Street.

When Rankin Chapel was erected on Howard's campus, Howard Thurman, who was a graduate of Morehouse College and the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, was installed as the first Dean of Chapel. Along with Howard Hall, the chapel is a remnant of the 19th century campus.

Rankin Chapel was built under the administration of then-University President Jeremiah Rankin, Howard's sixth president who served from 1890 to 1903. The chapel was named in honor of President Rankin's brother. The cost for the construction of Rankin Chapel totaled \$24,000, which was considered a significant amount of capital during the time it was built. The wife of President Rankin contributed a portion of the building funds.

Before Rankin Chapel's construction, chapel services were held in another location on campus.

According to the book "Howard University: The

First Hundred Years, 1867-1967" by Rayford Logan, "Prior to 1872, chapel was located in the Main Building, transferred to the second floor of Spaulding Hall, but later returned to the main building." The Main building and Spaulding Hall were later torn down.

Aside from chapel services, Rankin Chapel served as a kindergarten and practice school, conducted by the Teachers College from 1900 until 1914. From 1930 to 1962, the basement level of Rankin Chapel housed an art gallery. The art gallery is now located on the first level of the Lulu V. Childers Hall Division of Fine Arts. Rankin also served as an office for the Committee of College Students during World War I.

After 109 years, the red brick building still stands on campus next to Founders Library and continues to serve as a place of worship, although Sunday chapel services are often held in Cramton Auditorium due to Howard's large student population.



Jordan Colbert-Assst. Photo Editor

HBCU BRIEFS



Clark Atlanta University

Clark Atlanta University's library science program is scheduled to shut down next spring, leaving students and faculty to contest the decision made by school officials last year. After the university found itself \$7.5 million in debt, officials decided to eliminate five of its academic programs as a money-saving measure.

Supporters of the program argue that it is not causing the school to lose money because it continues to break even. They also note that the program is the only one of its kind in the state of Georgia and only one of two at historically black universities.



Florida A&M University

As both the Democratic and Republican Parties begin their efforts to gain as much support as possible in the final weeks before the elections, vice-presidential candidate John Edwards spoke at Florida A&M University on Sunday in front of 10,000 people. Both, John Kerry and Edwards have started a five-day campaign across the battleground state of Florida, which carries 27 electoral votes.

At press time, performers Alfre Woodard, Victoria Rowell and James McDaniel were slated to attend the event. In addition to Edwards' appearance, the Congressional Black Caucus kicked off a state tour from FAMU on Friday.



Prairie View A&M University & Grambling University

Following a fight after the State Fair Classic held in Dallas, the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) suspended nine Grambling State University football players and eight Prairie View University players for one game. Interim Grambling coach Melvin Spears defends his team members, saying they were protecting themselves against members of the opposing team.

Spears issued an apologetic statement to the entire university and SWAC. He and Prairie View head coach Henry Frazier III received reprimands and fines from SWAC "for not showing the proper restraint in their conduct during the fight."

Compiled by
Shara D. Taylor

Students Say No to the Draft

DRAFT, from Campus A1

A lot of people are in college and have careers and honestly, I think our generation is a little lazy. I would try and get out of it. I am not sure of the laws about draft dodging but I wouldn't go and suffer the consequences," Williams said.

Other students would fulfill their duties, despite their personal feelings about the proposal.

"I would participate in the draft to serve my country, but I am horribly against the draft. You can't have innocent people fighting an unjust war," junior political science major Nate Smith said. "If the war was just and we were fighting against terrorists that actually bombed our country then that would be one thing. But if we were going to kill people in Iraq who really haven't done anything to us, then I don't believe in fighting unjust wars."

While students enrolled in the various ROTC programs at Howard have already promised at least three years of service in

the military, some still do not believe a draft is fair to those who have made other choices.

"I'm apathetic about it because I have four years of active duty. I have to serve anyway. I do feel bad for those who don't want to be in the military because it's going to be serious and they are going to draft people who don't really want to participate," Howard Air Force ROTC member and junior civil engineering major Julius Gamble said.

One of the major concerns about the possibility of the draft is the negative effect it could have on the African-Americans who are drafted.

"[Rangel's] theory is more African-Americans and minorities coming in with the draft, but there will have an increase in the amount of affluent whites who would come with the draft as well. While it's true, that doesn't mean that they will be the soldiers who are going to become the grunts, or soldiers who are on the front lines," Davis said.

In addition to the effect on African-Americans, other major

differences in today's draft as opposed to that of previous wars would be the inclusion of women and the issue of homosexuality in the military, addressed by the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy implemented during the Clinton presidency.

While an increase in voluntary service would eliminate the possibility of a draft, the benefits of joining the military are not appealing to many prospective enrollees.

In lieu of a draft, some students believe the energy that would be put into a draft would be better used in other areas.

"Resources should be put into things like a missile defense system in case anybody tries to bomb our country... Instead of going to other countries and sending our troops there, we should train people in other countries to protect their own nations," Tommy Taylor, a first-year MBA student, said. "Instead of sending our people to protect the world and draining all the resources for our own good, we should help build them up also."

Vendors Provide Polite, Friendly Service and Food to Students

VENDORS, from Campus A1

ers back to a particular stand. Students, such as senior biology major Jonathan Riddix, said many times it is the consistency and kindness of the vendor that serves him.

"I come by here whenever I get the chance to," Riddix said about McLaughlin's food stand as he stopped to pick up a snack. "I like the food; I like the service. [McLaughlin is] a real nice guy."

Allison Matthews, a sophomore sociology major, also enjoys the friendly service of McLaughlin's stand.

"Every time I come here they're nice, more than willing to have a conversation with you if you want," Matthews said. "I always [walk] away

with a smile."

Other vendors are also popular among students. Fatima Bah, who operates the food stand in the middle of the three food stands located in front of the School of Business, usually has a long line of customers during the school year. Bah immigrated to America from Sierra Leone 12 years ago and has been running her stand for about 10 years. Between serving her numerous patrons, Bah talking about the two things she enjoys most about her job.

"I'm the boss, self employed," Bah said. She also likes her customers and says she does not have any problems. "I like everyday. I meet different people." The only

part of her job she said she dislikes is when she is not busy because she gets bored.

A mother of three, Bah also stressed that her job is not easy.

"It's a hard job: lifting, pack, unpack," she said. "Most of the times I do it myself."

Many students do appreciate the convenience and services that vendors like McLaughlin and Bah supply.

"It's convenient. Most graduate students [are] sitting in class all day; you get hungry," said Tonia Ingram, a social work graduate student. "You don't have time to run down the street and get something to eat."



Alveto Alexander- Staff Photographer

Howard vendors have provided food and service to students for many decades.

Burning Hot on Tha' Hilltop

BURNING, from Campus A1

Basement, followed by rapper Demetrius Simpson in second place. Winning first place and the opportunity to perform during Yardfest was the rap group XL, who were met with an equal amount of cheers and jeers as they were announced as the winners.

Junior public relations major Josh Morgan was one of the many students confused by the results of the competition.

"I felt that The Basement should have won instead of XL because they got a better response from the crowd," he said.

After the talent portion of the show concluded, Lil' Scrappy

hit the stage, backed by two hype men and a DJ.

Performing his own hits as well as those of fellow Atlanta artists, Lil' Scrappy kept the crowd on its feet throughout his performance.

Dousing the audience members with several bottles of water and jumping into the crowd only added to the energy level that filled Cramton. The crowd remained energized as Scrappy performed his breakthrough-hit single, "No Problem," three times.

Freshman finance major Jeremy Phillips was impressed by the show.

"The show was crunk throughout. Yet, when Lil' Scrappy performed, he brought

the show to the next level of crunkness. I just wish he would have performed more singles," he said.

"Lil' Scrappy is the sexiest man alive," sophomore civil engineering major Shante Mason said. "I loved everything about him and his performance."

B. Marcell McClure, promotions director for EPP, is extremely proud of the work EPP put into the event.

"I think that EPP did a great job. The turnout was good, as well as the talent. We brought it together and Lil' Scrappy did it big," McClure said. "The title explains it all. It was truly burning hot."

Conference For Men Only

MEN, from Campus A1

a musical performance from rap group Spiritual Spitfire. Although the conference took place on a rainy Friday night, the auditorium was still nearly filled to capacity, which thrilled Williams.

"It was awesome to see [students] come here despite the weather," she said. "It really was a powerful night."

Despite being held in the School of Business and organized by the school's team leaders, Williams said that the event was open to the entire student body. She also said that though she and her team leaders worked hard to plan the event, she was to make sure the attention for the evening was on the men.

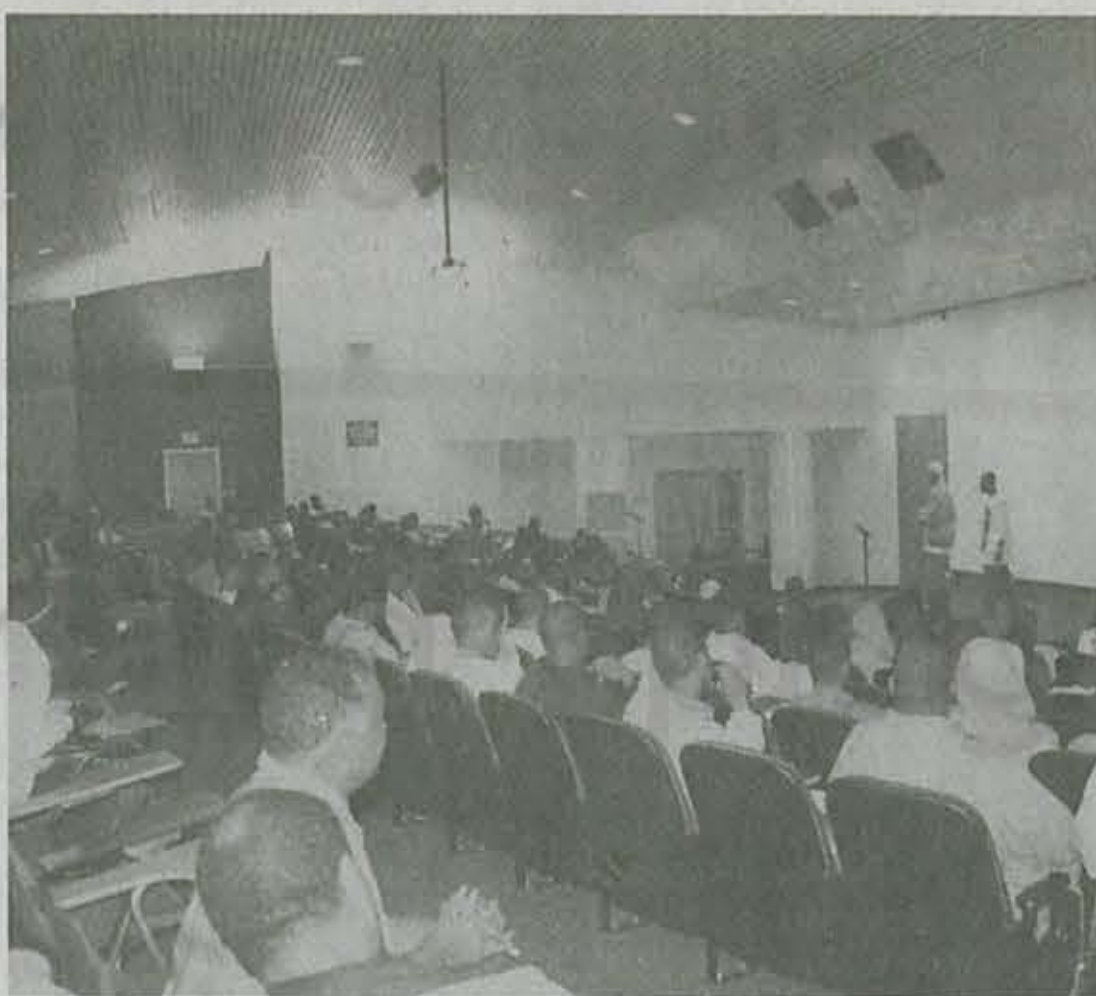
"I was determined to be in the background," she said. "There were no women on the second floor. They were all downstairs encouraging and motivating the students as they entered the building."

Williams said she was surprised with the amount of work her female team leaders put into this event that was specifically geared toward the opposite sex. She said that not only did they help with the planning and logistics, but they also pitched in with the fundraising efforts to make sure the conference would occur as planned. For her part, junior marketing major Ashley Jones said that she volunteered because she felt an event such as this very necessary.

"A lot of guys I come across come at you wrong," she said. "You need someone to step up and [tell them] that's wrong."

Several of the speakers said that they felt their participation in the conference would make a difference.

"I wanted to relay a message that as Black men we need



Mark King- Staff Photographer

As Howard increased its male acceptance rate this year, planners of the conference wanted to ensure their stay. With society's often negative treatment of black men, many in attendance valued an opportunity to uplift the African American man.

to take a stand and stand up for positivity," Duane Milton, founder of Brothers By Nature, Inc. and coach of the Howard University men's lacrosse team, said. "I think we found out [at this event] that we have commonness and that we really are brothers."

Taye Hauli, youth pastor of Greater Fellowship Full Gospel, who lit the room with laughter as he recounted tales from his own college days, said that he too felt that he had accomplished his goals by speaking.

"I think it was much-needed for young brothers to come together and be empowered," Hauli said. "A lot of individuals walked out of there energized and motivated to cultivate change."

Though attending the conference was required for some

students, many who came said that they enjoyed the evening and found it beneficial.

"I came because it was mandatory, but I'm glad I was there," freshman architecture major Garron Gibbs said. "There was a positive message that people need to hear. I took a lot from it."

Senior finance major Rick Fields also said that attending the event was a positive experience.

"It was very motivational and inspirational," he said. "It was long overdue to have men of integrity and character speak to the young minds at Howard. I think it's [about] time that this University not just be concerned with academics and financial well-being, but also be concerned with the personal and spiritual health of students."

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Local Woman Quits Smoking in Front of Online Audience

BY REVAE THARPS
Contributing Writer

The American Legacy Foundation launched Mary Quits, a reality television-based public health campaign that follows a real-life smoker living in the Washington, D.C. area as she contemplates quitting smoking, makes a plan to stop, and carries out this plan in her everyday life.

Mary's struggle is representative of the nation's 70-percent of adult smokers who want to quit but who may lack the tools, support, and know-how to quit successfully.

Junior English major Derick Bowers said that he quit smoking earlier this year because his girlfriend did not like smoke. "I still get cravings sometimes, but I wasn't a heavy smoker so it didn't hit me like it hits some people," he said. The 1982 Surgeon General's report stated that, "Cigarette smoking is the

major single cause of cancer mortality in the United States."

The statement is as true today as it was in 1982. Each year, a staggering 440,000 people die in the U.S. from tobacco use, cigarettes kill more Americans than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homicide, and illegal drugs combined. In Washington, D.C. alone, 20-percent of adults are smokers. "Smoking has become a habit, just like brushing my teeth," said Sunnie, a local D.C. area resident.

Because cigarette smoking and tobacco use is an acquired behavior, one that the individual chooses to do, smoking is the most preventable cause of premature death in our society. The campaign seeks to provide information on the importance of developing a quit plan to Washington area smokers who want to quit smoking.

To achieve this, the campaign illustrates how Mary used the foundations quit gridlines,

available via the Legacy Learn to Quit Line at 1-888-Mary-Quits, as a basis for developing her own plan. These gridlines include: making a choice to quit, creating a plan, building a team, and using available tools in your community.

The campaign's cameras capture Mary, a young, professional, African American woman, as she transitions through each of these steps and struggles with her nicotine addiction. Her struggles are documented in two-to-three minute video segments and can be viewed daily on www.MaryQuits.com. On the Web site, Mary also provides daily commentary and journal entries, which portray common obstacles smokers encounter during the quitting process.

When asked if watching Mary quit would motivate her to do the same, sophomore sociology major Ebony Thorpe said, "probably not because it is just going to show her upset, and no

one wants to go through that."

"It's definitely a good struggle, but you have to be ready for it. She is obviously ready, but I'm not."

According to the Mary Quits press release, Cheryl Heaton, President and CEO of The American Legacy Foundation, said, "Approaching the quit process in a more strategic way by having a proactive plan greatly increases a person's chance for success."


"Quitting, itself, is the hardest thing I've ever done," said Tonya Guess, "Mary" of the Mary Quits campaign. Before Mary Quits, Guess had unsuccessfully tried to quit three times this year.

Since the Mary Quits campaign was recorded this previous summer, Guess has been smoke-free for the past two and a half months. "I know it's hard, but it is not impossible," she said.

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"Mary" has been chronicling her battle with cigarettes in a nationally advertised website campaign.



Clubhouse #10 may be no more if local contractors get their way.

Jordan Culbert-Asst. Photo Editor

Residents Have Mixed Feelings On Redevelopment of Boys & Girls Club

BY BRIDGETTE GINYARD
Contributing Writer

The voices of many Columbia Heights residents are mixed with anger and confusion over the redevelopment of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington (BGCGW) Clubhouse #10 on the corner of Clifton and 14th Streets. The 22-year-old site has been sold to the Texas based company, Trammell Crow, to make way for luxury condos on top of a recreational facility designed for use by the after school program. Many parents are angered because they feel that the board of directors of BGCGW left them in the dark for a year. Some supporters of the program feel that their children will no longer benefit if the club is connected to an upscale development.

The current facility is about 11,000 square feet of cramped space for 150 students and volunteers. The BGCGW also has more than two-dozen facilities throughout the District, Maryland and Virginia. In 2003, the BGCGW took over the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club and five other struggling clubs in Washington.

Trammell Crow Co. has offered to build the BGCGW a

27,000 square foot space, in addition to giving nine million dollars to keep the program. The plans include space for up to 150 units.

Area residents are meeting these development plans with heavy protests. Sheena Jones, a resident and volunteer at the club, feels that the development plans are unnecessary. "It doesn't make any sense to build more condos when there are already too many in this neighborhood," she said. Residents have complained that the area is too developed and that there is a lack of recreational space for neighborhood children. To volunteers like Jones, Clubhouse 10 has served as a safe haven for Columbia Heights children. "About 20 years ago I participated in the program, and it is so important to our neighborhood," she said. For Jones, many of her younger cousins attend the after school program that serves over 100 children.

Parent and volunteer, Shameeka Pannell, who is also a former member of the Club feels that the program will change if built in proximity to luxury condos. "It's not going to work if you put wealthy people next to a program made for poor minorities," she said angrily. Residents

like Pannell feel that the redeveloped center will lack the feeling of community that the old facility has, and many children will be turned away.

Pat Shannon, CEO of the BGCGW, feels that the plans will be profitable to the organization. The organization is facing a deficit in funding due to the upkeep of the program. "If we don't go through with this deal, this clubhouse along with others might close," said Shannon.

Currently, the executive board is exploring options for a temporary facility during the construction period. There is a concern that during the construction many children will be turned away because of limited space. "The club will definitely stay open and we will not turn away any children," said Shannon.

Clubhouse 10 employee John Favors feels that this plan is a result of gentrification in many areas around the district. He fears that the whole block will be torn down to make room for more luxury condos and commercial space. "To be honest, the city is calling the shots, not us," he said. "It has happened before and it will happen again," Favors said.

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Recapturing Landmarks in Shaw-Howard Community

BY ADAM W. VICKS
Contributing Writer

The Shaw-Howard District, in Washington, D.C., is widely known as the home of Howard University, popularly referred to as the "Mecca," for the many luminaries and African American scholars it has attracted. But this prestigious HBCU is not the only Mecca in the neighborhood. For more than a century, this area has stood as the cultural nucleus for a group of people who have made pioneering history.

Most students aren't aware of the historical significance in this neighborhood, which only encompasses roughly twelve blocks. Nestled amongst the urban sprawl are reminiscences of a past that reminds us of the breakthroughs blacks made in medicine, education, government, public service and entertainment. It's a prevailing history that sparks a sense of pride in African American heritage.

One resident and native of the community, Marion Jackson-Pryde, is a Howard alumnus who went on to become a historian and author, publishing a historical book called *Distinguished Negroes Abroad*. She remembers Shaw in its heyday.

"We lived on T Street between 15th and 16th and were able to enjoy contacts with many prominent people," Pryde said, adding, "You know the Scurlocks lived not too far away from me, and the Murrys' who owned a printing business were close by too."

Addison Scurlock happened to be a significant figure in the black community. His photography studio captured the very heart and soul of the Shaw-Howard community. Along with Scurlock, there are others who figured prominently in the area as well.

Leidra I. Torres, a reference librarian at the Moorland-Springarn Research Center, has a wealth of information

on distinguished residents in the neighborhood. Among the list of names she mentioned were figures like Blanche Kelso Bruce, the second African American U.S. senator; Daniel Murray, who was a librarian at the Library of Congress; and Lillian Evans Tibbs, who became the first internationally acclaimed opera singer.

"A lot of people start-

ed moving from downtown because there was racial discrimination," Torres said. She adds that, "they were looking for better places to live and Shaw was already established."

She also noted that before 1920, Shaw had the largest black urban population in the nation. But it was not only size in numbers that made Shaw the premier black neighborhood.



Many students are unaware that Shaw was such a thriving neighborhood in its day.

"There were a lot of professionals here... doctors, lawyers, but also a lot of cultural and social organizations," said Torres.

One of those cultural organizations that stood out in the neighborhood was the home of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, which doubled as the headquarters of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Now known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), Woodson's organization continues to promote the study of black history.

"Carter G. Woodson who is the father of Black History Month and ASALH lived and worked in the Shaw community," said Corey Brown, a graduate student pursuing a Ph.D. in History, who commented on the neighborhood's prestigious past.

"In the history of D.C., it was the Howard-Shaw neighborhood that was bastion of black thought, arts and black culture," he said.

Today, the Shaw District is a far cry from what it used to be, when segregation ironically played a major role in shaping the close-knit community, as Mrs. Sylvia Cyrus-Albritton recalls. "Back then, African Americans had a different sense of community and neighborhood," said Cyrus-Albritton, Executive Director for ASALH.

But in recent years the community has been on the verge of reestablishing Shaw's prominence. "They're trying to renovate the home and open it up to the public as a museum and site so people can see the importance of the community and Carter G. Woodson to black America," said Brown.

As for the future of the community, several residents still look to Shaw-Howard with hope. Leidra Torres agrees. "It might not get back to what it was, but it is no way near what it had become. And it's still a neighborhood full of history," she said.

Howard Students Look to the District to Cultivate Hobbies

BY REVAE THARPS
Contributing Writer

Junior advertising major Japonica Gilbert has been dancing for 15 years. Since her childhood, she aspired to dance with Alvin Ailey. "I wanted to go to a school of the arts, but I also wanted a regular college life," she said. Howard University offered not only an exceptional dance program, but an exciting college life as well. In the fall of 2002, Gilbert enrolled as a freshman dance major. By the second semester of her freshman year Gilbert had changed her major from dance to advertising. Though her major has changed, Gilbert still has a passion for dance. Like Gilbert, many

Howard students once pursued a talent that they no longer continue. "Before I came to Howard I danced for seven years, but now I don't really have time with classes and everything," said Carla Thomas, a sophomore print journalism major. "It was hard after I changed my major. Not only did I not have time, I couldn't find a place to dance in this area, so I began to neglect dance," said Gilbert.

What many students do not know is that Washington, D.C. has many performing arts classes and workshops. From First Class, Inc. which offers classes in music, writing, theater, and calligraphy to the Washington Ballet. Many of these places are not only for experienced stu-

dents, but also for those who are looking to find a new hobby.

The Capitol Hill Arts Workshop is located in South East Washington, D.C. Its mission is to build the community through the arts. They offer an array of classes including dance, acting, painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, and ceramics. Classes are offered in 9 and 18 week sessions, with evening and weekend classes. Tuition ranges from 44 dollars for a four week tap dance class, to 450 dollars for an 18 week watercolor class.

The Theater Lab is one of Washington's most comprehensive theatre training centers. They offer a wide variety of classes in acting for stage

and screen, directing, playwrighting, musical theatre, and drama criticism. They even offer a class in stand up comedy. "I worked with Arena Stage's educational outreach program," said April Wardlaw, senior theater major. "Through that we did a lot of acting and playwrighting workshops," she said. She also mentioned that Arena stage has many workshops open to the public. "It was beneficial to me because I learned things that I could bring back to Howard and apply to my classes," said Wardlaw. Theater professor Denise J. Hart recommends going to see plays. "Sometimes they have talk back night where you can ask questions to actors and create your own workshop," said professor Hart.

Joy of Motion in Dupont Circle is very popular amongst Howard students. "You can never get enough dance training," said Professor Hart. "Many students take classes at Joy of Motion and the Dance Place in North East D.C. They both offer a wide range of classes at a reasonable price," she said. "I found out about Joy of Motion this year," said Gilbert. Studio manager Jane McKee validated that many Howard students attend classes at Joy of Motion. "Hip-Hop is the most popular amongst college students. We also have a lot that take ballet," said McKee. "We offer classes for beginning students who have never taken dance before, up to the professional level," she said. Not only

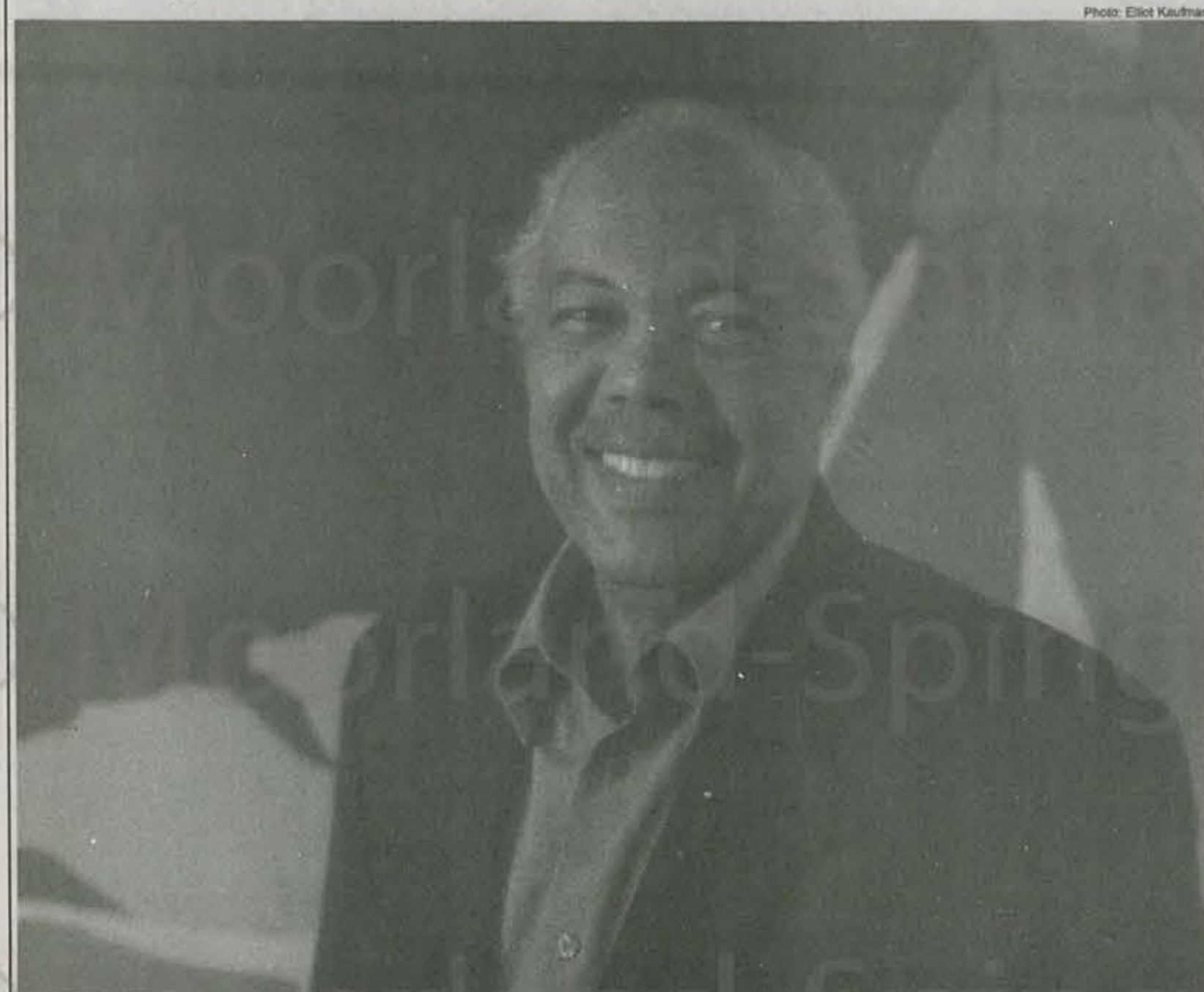
do they offer enrollment classes such as Introduction to Ballet technique, Pilates Mat, and Belly Dance to name a few, they also offer drop-in classes. With a student ID, drop-in classes are 12 dollars. "I know a lot of students outside of the dance major who go to Joy of Motion. They say they enjoy the classes," said Shannon Johnson, sophomore dance major. Gilbert thinks it is essential for people to develop their talents and create new hobbies. "It is very easy to come to college and lose focus of our dreams and things that we enjoy," she said. She encourages everyone to follow their dreams, whatever it may be, dance, theater, medicine, or law.



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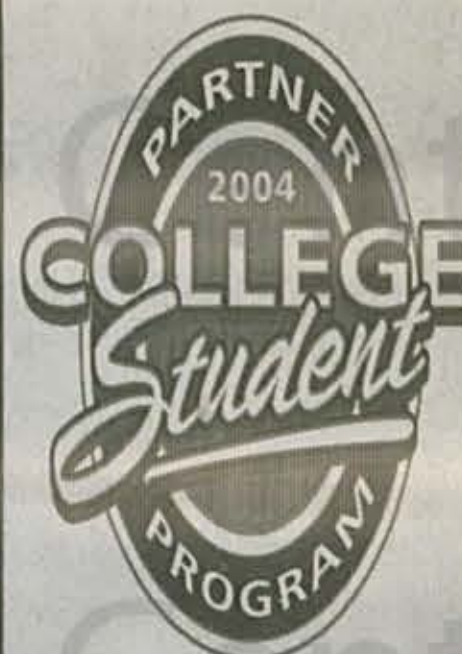
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- a) very Much So
- b) adequately
- c) somewhat
- d) not Really
- e) don t know

4. Do you feel the undergraduate trustee is a good representation of you as a Howard Student?

- a) yes
- b) no
- c) uncertain

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a) Yes I am most certain the current Graduate trustee could voice my concerns as a student

b) No, the undergraduate trustee is so far removed from the student body to voice my concern

c) Uncertain, I do not know enough about the Graduate trustee to make an informed decision.

6. Do you feel the undergraduate trustee has or will make any tangible changes this term?

- a) yes
- b) no

7. If there was ever a problem would you feel comfortable going to the undergraduate trustee to discuss your issues unannounced.

- a) yes
- b) no
- c) uncertain

8. Do you feel the undergraduate trustee could prevent a proposed tuition increase by other members of the Board of Trustees?

- a) yes, he or she is very capable of stopping a proposed tuition increase
- b) no, the board would overpower him or her
- c) uncertain as to the extent of his or her power on the board.

9. Do you hear about Board of Trustee meetings?

- a) word of mouth
- b) fliers or bulletins
- c) email

10. Do you believe you understand what undergraduate trustee is supposed to do?

- a) yes
- b) no

11. Compared to last year's undergraduate trustee?

- a) much better
- b) somewhat different
- c) about the same
- d) uncertain, I was not at Howard last year

12. Give the undergraduate trustee a rating?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- F.

1. Who is the current HUSA President

Who is the Vice President

in the office at the time.

- a) yes
- b) no

2. Do you feel the HUSA Administration is visible?

- a) yes
- b) no
- c) uncertain

3. Does HUSA address your concerns?

- a) very Much So
- b) adequately
- c) somewhat
- d) not Really
- e) don t know

4. Do you feel the current HUSA Administration is a good representation of you as a Howard Student?

- a) yes
- b) no
- c) uncertain

5. If there was ever an incident year where your interests were at stake do you feel the current HUSA Administration would vocalize your opinion as a student to the Howard administration

a) Yes I am most certain the current administration could voice my concerns as a student

b) No, the administration is so far removed from the student body to voice my concern

c) Uncertain, I do not know enough about the current HUSA administration to make an informed decision.

6. If there was ever a problem would you feel comfortable going to the HUSA Office to discuss your issue unannounced with the whomever was

7. Do you feel HUSA has or will make any tangible changes this term?

- a) yes
- b) no

8. Do you hear about HUSA events?

- a) yes
- b) no

9. If yes, how do you hear about HUSA events?

- a) word of mouth
- b) fliers or bulletins
- c) email

10. Do you attend HUSA events?

- a) yes
- b) no

11. Do you believe you understand what HUSA is supposed to do

- a) yes
- b) no

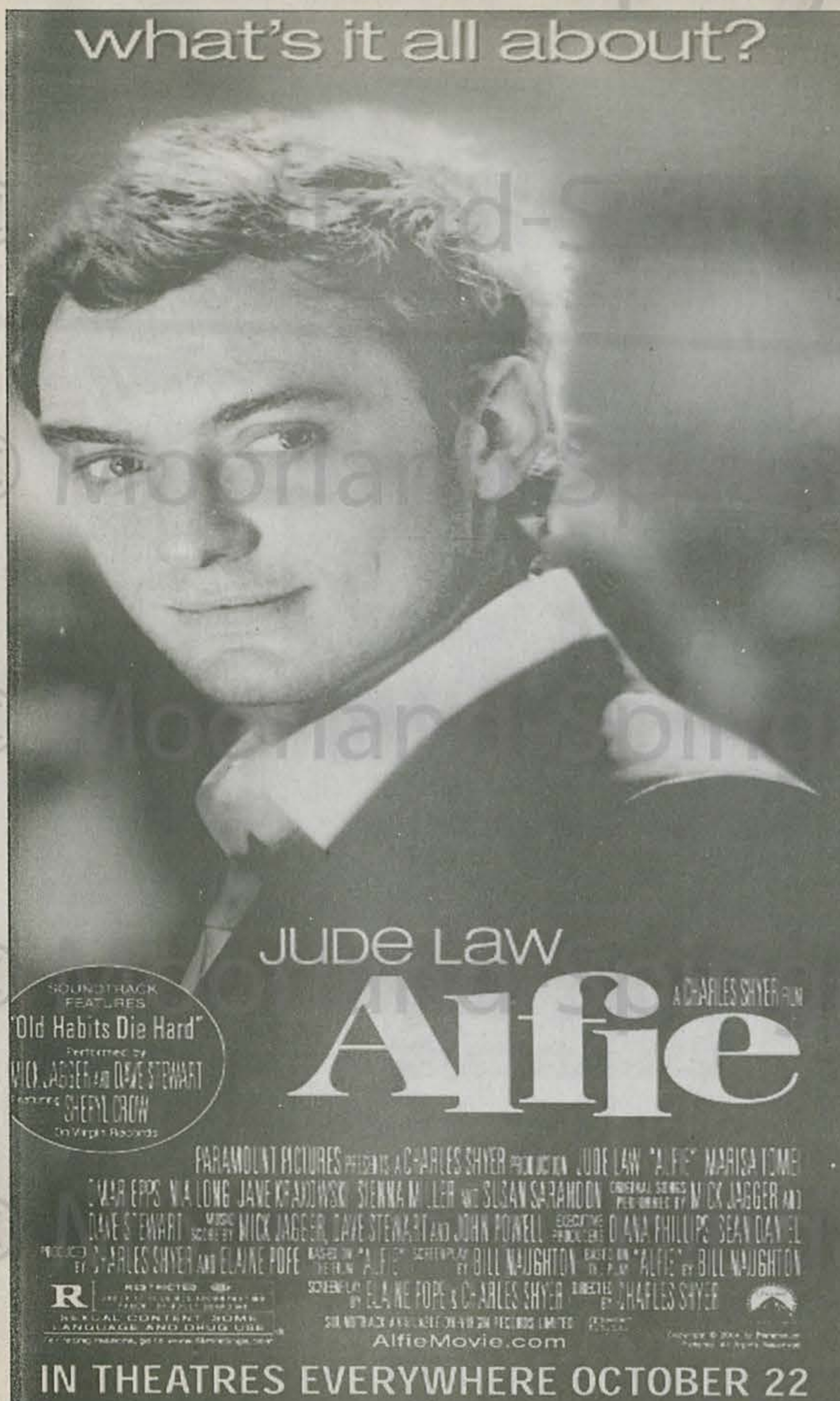
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- b) somewhat different
- c) about the same
- d) worse

13. Give HUSA a rating

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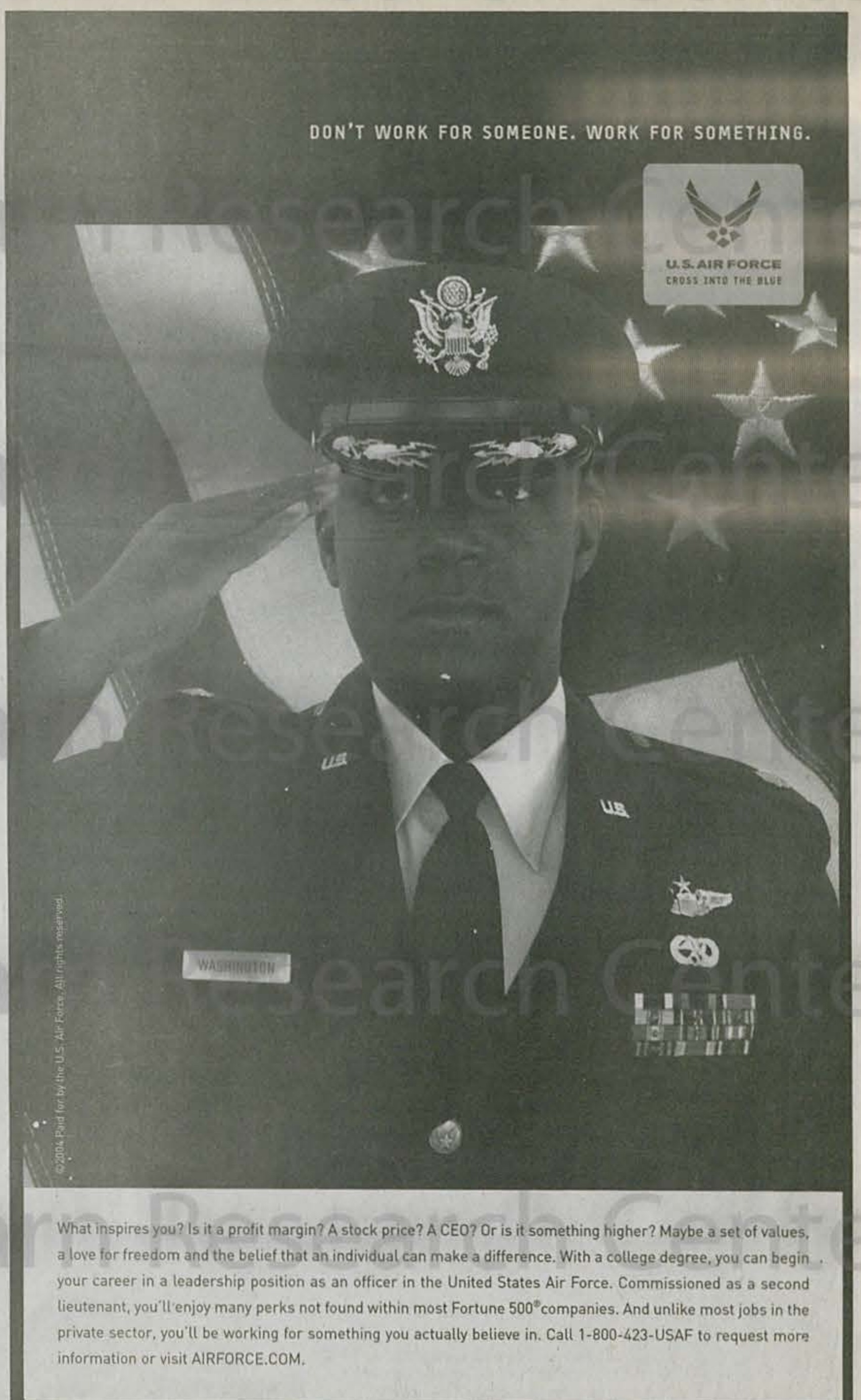
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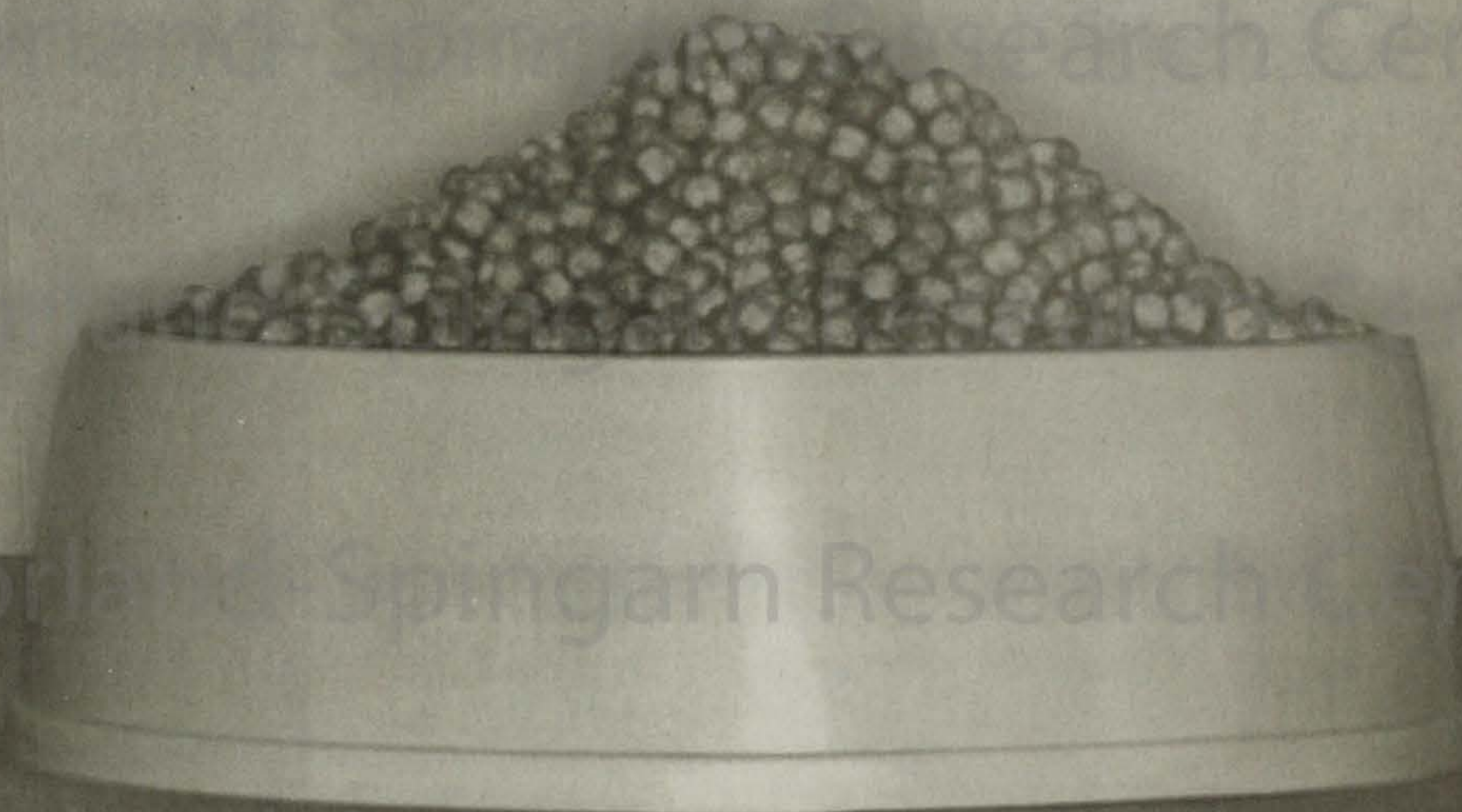
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Digital Doubts

BY KEITH LAING
Life & Style Editor

I'm an experimental guy; I'm usually down for almost anything.

However, one thing I haven't tried yet is grocery shopping online. There's something about buying groceries without seeing them that makes me leery.

Honestly, I'm skeptical about shopping online period. I brought a "state of the art" printer that arrived looking like it was used by The Fonz. Of course, I flung it in the trash, and before it hit the ground and shattered, I swore off shopping online.

Being the lenient guy that I am, however, I gave it another chance. I purchased plane tickets online, only to find out that Airtran had charged my credit card THREE TIMES. After I introduced their representatives to all of the four letter words in my vocabulary, I was through with online purchases. I have thought twice about browsing the information superhighway for deals ever since.

Double that doubt when it comes to food. I like to dig around and find the chicken package with the most wings before it ends up in my freezer. I want to make sure my milk doesn't expire tomorrow before I buy it. I like to think that makes me a smart shopper, so obviously, no online grocery shopping for me, right?

Well, "what had happened was," strange things started occurring along my path of resistance. My friends all started Peapodding and gave ringing endorsements. They all fell victim to the convenience of the online delivery service.

Then, I began to feel less insecure about online shopping in general. I brought a couple of DVDs and actually got what I paid for, unlike my unfortunate printer mishap, so my disdain for digital shopping wasn't as strong.

It almost has me ready to log on the next time my refrigerator is empty. I admit I'm a little jealous when I talk with my friends about needing groceries and then they're done shopping before I even figure out how I'm getting to the store. I'm even more jealous when I think about how all they did was point and click while I'm standing in never-ending lines and dealing with rude cashiers. I'm downright envious when I think about their groceries being delivered to their doorstep as I struggle down Georgia Ave. with random people eyeing my goodies like my name was Ciara.

I wanted to find a downside so that I could say, "Ah ha! That's why I don't shop online!" but I couldn't. There just doesn't seem to be one.

So the next time I need groceries, I'm logging onto www.peapod.com. After all, the old saying goes "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Keith Laing would love to reply to all feedback sent to life_n_style0405@yahoo.com, but he's busy adding items to his virtual "cart" and double-clicking on double coupons. Once he checks out, we're sure he'll look up from the screen and respond to your inquiries.



BY TEVIE MONK
Contributing Writer

Thanks to several technological advances, grocery shopping has gone digital. For many people, a full refrigerator is a simple point and click away and many Howard students are logging on for the one-stop shop.

For nearly two decades, people have been turning to the Internet for clothing and entertainment purchases, but now, others have taken online shopping one step further: to buy groceries. By logging onto www.peapod.com, not only can individuals select grocery items without leaving their home, but also the items will be delivered for a minimal fee.

"I decided to try online grocery shopping after I saw an advertisement about the company," junior public relations major Carmen Muhammad said. "Online grocery shopping is more convenient especially because I do not have a lot of time."

Founded in 1989, by brothers Andrew and Thomas Parkinson, Peapod is an online grocery shopping delivery service that provides groceries to more than 11.5 million homes in various metro areas around the country. Peapod, a wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Ahold, an international food provider, works in partnership with supermarkets such as Stop & Shop and Giant

Students Double-Click on Grocery Deals



Several students have turned to online delivery services like Peapod for grocery shopping. Peapod, with more than 11.5 million customers, is the world's largest internet grocery provider.

Food.

With the click of a mouse, customers are able to easily access a grocery store through their computers. Peapod allows shoppers to browse through food items much like they would in a grocery store. In addition, they are able to create personal shopping lists, find various recipes and view product nutritional information.

Though most of Peapod's customers are predominantly dual income couples or dual income families, the company prides itself on servicing all types of people, college students included.

"I'm not the only college student who uses [the service]," Renee Alsop, a senior legal com-

munications major, said. "If you go outside [the Towers], you can see delivery trucks everyday. It's convenient because the driver can even bring the groceries to my dorm room. I don't have to worry about all of the things I would have to worry about if I went to the store. All of the stress of carrying bags and waiting for rides is eliminated."

By ordering groceries through Peapod, individuals are able to select a delivery time that best fits their schedules. The groceries are then delivered as soon as a day after they are purchased.

Some may feel that they lose advantage of discounts that can be obtained through membership cards or coupons, howev-

er those discounts can also be accessed online as well. If a customer has coupons, they can give them to the driver upon delivery, and a credit will be added to their account.

"I was satisfied with my purchase," junior marketing major Alissa Grier said. "It is just like going to the store because you can get the same specials and discounts as you would if you went to the actual store."

Peapod, which is the nation's leading internet grocer, has seen a sales growth rate of nearly 25 percent each year. This growth may be attributed to the many new customers turning to online shopping due to lack of time and an increase in technology over the years.

Despite this growth, there are still individuals who oppose the idea.

"I don't really see the point in online grocery shopping unless you are elderly, or just absolutely cannot make it to the store," Marcus Joachim, a junior legal communications major, said. "I prefer to go to the store so I can see what I am buying before I make a purchase."

On the company's website, customers are informed of Peapod's goals. The website states the company's dream is "to fundamentally improve people's lives by bringing interactive shopping to a broad customer market," while the company's passion is "to amaze and delight each one of [its] customers." Several students said that they counted themselves among the company's satisfied customers.

"I can use my Giant [membership] card online," Alsop said. "They always email me when there are sales. You never have to worry about the fruit not being fresh. If you have a problem with anything, you can call them and they will credit you back. I would recommend it to anyone. It's pretty much hassle-free."



Students Weigh Health and Class Attendance As Seasons Change



BY AEJA O. WASHINGTON
Contributing Writer

One day, the weather is a balmy 75 degrees, and then, it unexpectedly changes. In an instant, heavy rains with piercing winds are in the forecast. After two days, the temperature is once again high and the sun is shining; the Yard is filled with students and things seem to look like the norm for Howard's social scene.

During this time of year, many students will attest that the weather changes so often that they can't ever seem to get it right when picking clothes for the day.

This has caused many students to find themselves sick, making it harder for them to attend classes, which is especially crucial now that midterms are here. Brianna Henderson, a sophomore psychology major, can attest to what has been going on.

"Being sick left me in a position of deciding if I should go to class or not," Henderson said. "In the end, I made it to class but having an illness affected my attention and ability to stay focused."

Junior biology major Rachel Davis said she also agrees that it is more challenging to be focused in class while sick.

"When you're sick and you still have to go to class, it is quite difficult because of the symptoms that overwhelm your body causing you to not be able to focus in class," she said.



With the uncertainty of the weather as the seasons change, many students have stocked up on over-the-counter cold medicines to combat their symptoms.

Some students, such as senior biology major David Dawson, said that they would prefer the sick student not attend class. He said that he finds the constant coughs and sneezing rather bothersome.

"It is extremely irritating. I go to class to learn and listen to the professor, not to hear someone sniffing and sneezing. It impedes my learning progress."

When asked about his opinion about leniency towards absences during this season of fluctuating weather conditions, Lance Maxey, a professor in the Department of Health, Human Performance and Leisure Studies, said he was more concerned with the wellness of the student.

"Of course the total well-being of the student comes first," he said. "This brings to attention the seriousness of the

situation and alerts the student of how serious it is to be around other students who may catch the airborne germs that may or may not be harmful to others. In the end, I'd be lenient toward absences due to illness brought on by seasonal changes."

On average, colds begin slowly within two to three days after infection with the virus. The first symptoms are usually a scratchy, sore throat, followed by sneezing, chest aches, headaches, watery eyes and a runny or stuffy nose. Temperature is usually normal or only slightly elevated and a mild cough can develop several days later. Cold symptoms usually last from two days to a week.

When it comes to remedying the cold, different approaches are used to alleviate the problem.

"Right now I am overdosing

on Nyquil, Dayquil and Theraflu to ease the pain," Henderson said. "While in class I usually suck on Halls Cough drops and Vitamin C tablets, I also try to dress warm by wearing sweaters and a heavy coat."

Even though there are many ways to try and get rid of a cold, there still is no proven cure for the common cold other than time. However, over-the-counter medications are available to relieve the symptoms.

"OTC cold products can make you more comfortable while you suffer," Debbie Lumpkins, a scientist with the Food and Drug Administration's division of over-the-counter drug products, said. "They are intended to treat the symptoms of minor condi-

tions, not to treat the underlying illness."

"Don't bother taking antibiotics to treat your cold; antibiotics do not kill viruses, and they should be used only for bacterial complications such as sinus or ear infections. Overuse of antibiotics has become a very serious problem, leading to a resistance in disease-causing bacteria that may render antibiotics ineffective for certain conditions," Lumpkins said.

It might seem that the odds of catching colds are highest in the winter, but in actuality, you're most vulnerable when the weather is constantly shifting. The next time someone sneezes in the summer or coughs in the winter, they can probably to blame the weather.



Recent changes in the weather have sent students searching their wardrobes for jackets and long-sleeved shirts.

Maggie Moo's a Tantalizing Treat

BY JANA HOMES
Hilltop Staff Writer

"I am heifer, hear me moo!" proclaims the bovine figure hanging above the heads of the group of young ladies, as they sit, thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The time is midnight on Friday. The ladies look around slightly amazed, but far from shocked, that they've been there for hours. The location is the back bar window at Maggie Moo's Ice Cream and Treatery.

The Adams Morgan and U Street locations of the popular chain have become favorites of Howard University students. While convenience is part of the attraction, the quality of the product is what keeps customers loyal.

The establishment boasts 40 flavors of ice cream, hand-dipped waffle cones, custom ice cream cakes, milk shakes and fruit smoothies, made fresh everyday. Each order can be made to suit each individual customer, with the option of Maggie's signature mix-ins including cookie dough, brownies and the classic candy pieces.

"The ice cream is a little expensive if you're on a typical college student's budget, but most often it's really worth it. You have to pay for quality and if you want some good ice cream that's what you'll always get," sophomore dance major Cherryn Wilder said. Wilder and her friends have been known to take over the booth area, once becoming so raucous that the staff jokingly sent them a note, asking them to keep it down.

"We love going to Maggie Moo's



Tia Goodson-Staff Photographer

With two locations near campus, Maggie Moo's Ice Cream and Treatery has become a favorite hang-out spot of Howard students.

because the ice cream is really good and the people there are really nice. We've developed a relationship with the people who work there. They don't know us by name yet, but they will and that will be a funny day," Wilder said.

"There's contentment at Maggie Moo's. No need to worry about look-

ing sloppy as ice cream rolls down your chin because the girls don't care that you eat like a klutz," sophomore psychology major Brittany Clay said.

While some enjoy the laid back aspect of the treatery, others find the neighbors to be a source of enjoyment.

"It's really fun for a girls night out,

because it's the kind of environment that is conducive to a rowdy discussion of who did what, with whom and when," Wilder said.

"We discuss important issues that affect the lives of college students. Like how guys want to be players and how a lot of them are bad at it," added fresh-

man English major Alexia Hogan.

"People watching you eat is one of the best aspects of going. When you sit in that little window in the back, you see some crazy stuff, like hordes of kids running around past midnight and the intoxicated people who can't seem to

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Students' Start-Up Graphic Design Company on the Rise

BY CANDACE LEE
Contributing Writer

Tyrone Jack and Dwight Hughes, both senior electronic studio majors, have had aspirations of becoming entrepreneurs since they were young. Their exceptional talent with art and computers led them to the creation of Seraphoenix Design, an up and coming business that specializes in graphic design.

"We decided to create Seraphoenix Design as an outlet for our passion, as well as to make money doing something that we love, however it was not created completely for monetary reasons. We figure it would be a good way to build our portfolios as well as cut the cost of professional design work for fellow students," Jack said.

Hughes says that getting to know Jack while living in

Carver freshman year and then living as roommates sophomore year allowed them to learn from each other and focus on getting the business started.

"Meeting Tyrone freshman year and learning that we had the same major interest in common, as well as lots of natural creative skill, made it only right for us to try and make something out of it," Hughes said.

Seraphoenix Design, created in January of 2002, has had clients ranging from small businesses to student promotions. They provide a range of services including business cards, web pages, posters, flyers, and book and CD covers, as well as storyboards.

"Some of our business comes from business or advertising students here at Howard that need a visual aid for a presentation but most comes from people that need flyers to advertise a party, event or

product," Jack said.

The company's first client, Augustus Ford, said he that he appreciated their professionalism and their good work ethic. Ford is a student entrepreneur for the skin care line Clear Shea

"I contracted them to do a job for me that I needed the next day and they stayed up all night to complete it for me and it was so affordable. Everything that I said I wanted, they made it visually happen, which is why I used them again. These boys have skills," Ford said.

Jack, a Boston native by way of Trinidad, recently added to his experience by working in the design department through an internship for General Motors in Detroit.

"Working with professionals and other interns from all over the world made it inevitable for me to perfect my skills and learn from their style. Now,

I apply everything I learned to making our company's work extraordinary," Jack said.

Dwight Hughes, a Columbus, Ohio native, said that his ambition is to set an example and says, "I don't think that there are enough Black graphic designers in the world so I'm hoping to add to the list."

Seraphoenix Design's clientele is growing, making the future of the company's success likely.

"Right now it's just a side job, but of course I hope someday that it can become a large company that I can focus all of my attention on," Hughes said. "There is nothing like working for yourself while doing something that you enjoy."

The website for Seraphoenix Design, www.seraphoenix.com, will be available next month for viewing of their past work, as well as service informa-



Mark King-Staff Photographer

Seraphoenix Design was created in January of 2002 by Howard students Tyrone Jack and Dwight Hughes.

tion. However, all inquiries for design consultation can be sent to seraphoenixdesign@hotmail.com.



New Movie Takes Viewers Under the 'Friday Night Lights'

BY AMY WILLIAMS
Contributing Writer

Odessa, a west Texas town where "Friday Night Lights" is set, is the kind of place where football is king. The impression of Odessa is that of a self-contained world in which high school football, played in a stadium bigger than ones at many colleges, is more important than church and state. The sport's power is sacred: it gives both adults and children a feeling of importance and self-worth in a town where to some neither may exist.

Early in the movie, the teenage boys who play for Permian High School are told that their duty is "to protect this town." The pressures of this football team seem too much for any high school student to bear, but these kids take the hassle from the town in stride.

Not only do the students feel the demand, but the town's obsession also puts a lot of pressure on the coach. The film is based on a true story and follows the Permian High Panthers through their 1988 season. Relative newcomer Gary Gaines, played by Billy Bob Thornton, is the head coach. He smiles politely when locals tell him how to do his job and clenches his jaw when callers to a radio show criticize him. After



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Following in the footsteps of successful sports movies such as "Remember the Titans" and "Rudy," "Friday Night Lights" takes viewers in the minds of high school athletes in the football crazed South.

an early-season loss, he and his wife (Connie Britton) come home to find dozens of for-sale signs placed in their lawn.

The town will settle for nothing less than a state championship — the fifth in the school's history — and their path to the finals domi-

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Mos Def's Sophomore Album Most Definitely Different

BY CANDACE LEE
Contributing Writer

Mos Def's solo sophomore effort, *The New Danger*, stands incomparable to previous albums. The lyrical content has fallen short of the mind grabbing rhymes and philosophies found in the *Black on Both Sides* album and especially his work with *Black Star*.

However, Mos Def's five-year hiatus gave way to personal growth and a more creative and musically diverse project. He has expanded his wings from a rapper to an artist.

The album's introduction, "Boogie Man Song," with its smooth and soothing sounds, is reminiscent of "Umi Says." It continues with "Freaky Black," "Ghetto Rock" and "Zimzallabim," on which Black Jack Johnson, Mos Def's rock band, appears. The song has a heavy guitar feel and very little of Mos Def's vocals, which might give you a headache but nonetheless make for an interesting song. They also might create thirst for the lyricist in him to come out.

Finally, the first pure hip-hop track appears



Mos Def.

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through the recycled beat from Jay-Z's "Takeover" in "The Rape Over," on which Mos Def mimics Jay-Z's flow and vents on the state of hip-hop today. This formula continues later in the album through "Grown Man Business", which borrows Nas' "No Idea's Original" beat. Although they are both nice additions to the album, they lack creativity and leave you wondering why these tracks weren't left to a mix tape considering their length. They also make you wish the unreleased "What's Beef" was put on instead—or at least included.

The remaining songs close the album with a good blend of all music genres and lyrics. Mos Def reaches all audiences through his diverse music spectrum and style.

There are so many facets to this album. Listened to with an open mind and no expectations, it is an extraordinary CD. Frustration often sets in while waiting for a lyrically adept track. However, if you're expecting classical hip-hop with strong beats and lyrics you might be slightly dis-

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Students Chill with Treats

MAGGIE, from L & S B2

keep themselves under control," sophomore pre-pharmacy major Anjuli Chestnut said.

And it seems that girls' night out is not the only reason students frequent the shop. The thought seems to be that there is no wrong time for an ice cream treat.

"I tried out for two things on campus, one I made, and one I didn't. But we went to Maggie's each time," said Hogan. "It's like we go when we want to celebrate good occasions, 'cause it makes them better and we go during bad times to drown our sorrows in ice cream cones on bad occasions, 'cause it makes them better."

The students who find themselves drawn to Maggie Moo's Ice Cream and Treatery find themselves in an establishment that seeks to cater to the needs of the customer and provide a fun and friendly atmosphere.

"It's funny because I feel like we've been going to Maggie's for ages, yet we've only been a couple of times," Clay said. "It's like our own sitcom, a Black people's answer to 'Friends.' Only, apparently, Black people prefer ice cream to coffee."



Films Shines Light on Football

MOVIE, from L & S B2

nates the film's plot. The story focuses mainly on Boobie Miles (Derek Luke), the talented running back who pins all his hopes on football stardom; Don Billingsley (Garrett Hedlund), whose abusive father (country singer Tim McGraw) once played on a championship team and the starting quarterback, Mike Winchell (Lucas Black), who is driven less by love of the game than by a desperate desire to get out of town.

"Friday Night Lights" is a sports movie distinguished by a gritty, realistic sense of place. Brian Grazer, who directed "8 Mile," creates an in-your-face prediction of being on the field.

In the end, "Friday Night Lights" is uplifting and troubling, partly because it is more honest than most sports movies about the high cost and short life span of high school football glory. Perhaps the most moving part of this film comes at the end, after the big game, when we learn that the real-life members of the 1988 Permian team, who had been superstars, end up having less than glamorous endings.

After sitting in this move for nearly two hours, I left feeling disappointed. This movie definitely did not appeal to me much like great sports movies of the past like "Remember the Titans" or "The Program". To me this movie was corny and predictable, but those issues seem to be trivial when discussed by fans of the movie. This is a football movie for football players. The reality of these kids' all consuming football lives, is one many high school football players remember and long to get back. Sitting in a theater with both men and women, hearing applause and verbal disappointment, made me realize that this movie was not great because of the plot or acting strengths of Billy Bob Thornton, but the memories of football that men both young and old keep fondly in there hearts.

Grade: B

Mos Def: The New Danger

ALBUM, from L & S B2

appointed. His staccato efforts are apparent through recycled beats and songs like "Sex, Love and Money," "Sunshine" (which comes off as obvious Kanye West production), "My Life is Real" and "Close to the Edge".

Mos Def makes an exceptional album in general, but can definitely no longer be confined into the rap category of music. Though his style softly emulates Andre 3000 when singing through a little too much of the album, not many artists can do that and still have a compelling and refreshingly different album.

Grade: B+

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Bison Survive in Overtime Thriller to Defeat Bears

BY JOHN SCHRIFEN
Contributing Writer

After the offense scored a touchdown on their first possession of overtime, it was the defense that came up big by recovering a fumble and securing the 47-35 overtime victory over rival Morgan State.

"I just love these guys," Head Coach Ray Petty said. "They work so hard during the week and they refused to quit today."

Morgan State (2-5, 1-3) won the coin toss in overtime and elected to play defense, leaving it up to senior quarterback Marcos Moreno (13-27, 1 Int., 227 yards, 2 TD) and the Bison offense to score first.

"I didn't want [the game] to come into overtime because I had never gone into overtime before," Moreno said.

But Moreno's nervousness wasn't apparent when he converted on a crucial third down. After two incomplete passes to open overtime, Moreno found wide receiver Larry Duncan streaking across the middle for a 15-yard gain. Jay Colbert (19 carries, 106 yards, 1 TD) then scampered for 6-yards down to the four. On second and goal, Moreno was flushed out of the pocket after his receivers were covered, and managed to run it into the end zone.

With the Bears now on offense, behind their all-American candidate quarterback Bradshaw Littlejohn (18 carries, 78 yards, 1 TD; 12 of 25, 200 yards), it was four down territory needing nothing less than a touchdown to tie it up. The Bison defense came up big on the first three plays forcing at fourth and five. But Littlejohn converted on an 11-yard pass and it looked as if the game would be going into another overtime period.

However, in a game that saw a little of everything, it was only fitting that it ended in confusion. On the very next play, Littlejohn rushed on a quarterback keeper but forgot to protect the ball. Senior Brian Johnson came in from his defensive back position to make the initial hit that jarred the ball loose. A scrum ensued and players from both teams claimed that they had recovered the ball.

All 9,804 fans in attendance were on their feet awaiting the outcome of the fumble. When senior linebacker Mike Sanders finally emerged from the pile with the ball, the Bison faith full erupted and stormed the field.

"The [ball] hit me one time in the face mask, then some one kicked it, and finally I

fell on it," Sanders said.

As thrilling as the overtime period was, the fourth quarter comeback by the Bison (4-2, 1-1) was even more amazing.

After nearly a nine minute drive by the Bears that resulted in a field goal, Howard found themselves down 32-20 with 5:55 remaining in regulation.

Moreno used completions of 14, 11 and 35-yards, all to receiver Thyron Lewis to get them within the 10-yard line. The drive was then capped off by a 5-yard touchdown pass to Duncan to make it 32-27. Impressively the drive only took 1:20, so with an onside kick not necessary, it was up to the defense to stop Littlejohn and get the ball back.

"We felt that the offense did their part," Sanders said. "It was now on us to shut [the Bear's] offense down."

And the defense accomplished just that by not allowing Morgan State to get a first down on three consecutive Littlejohn runs. The defense did their part and their job was over, or was it?

In what turned out to be the most questionable play call of the game, Morgan State's head coach decided to go for a fake punt. The Bison defenders easily sniffed it out, and line backer Danual Pearce blew up the play by tackling the Bear's running back short of the first down.

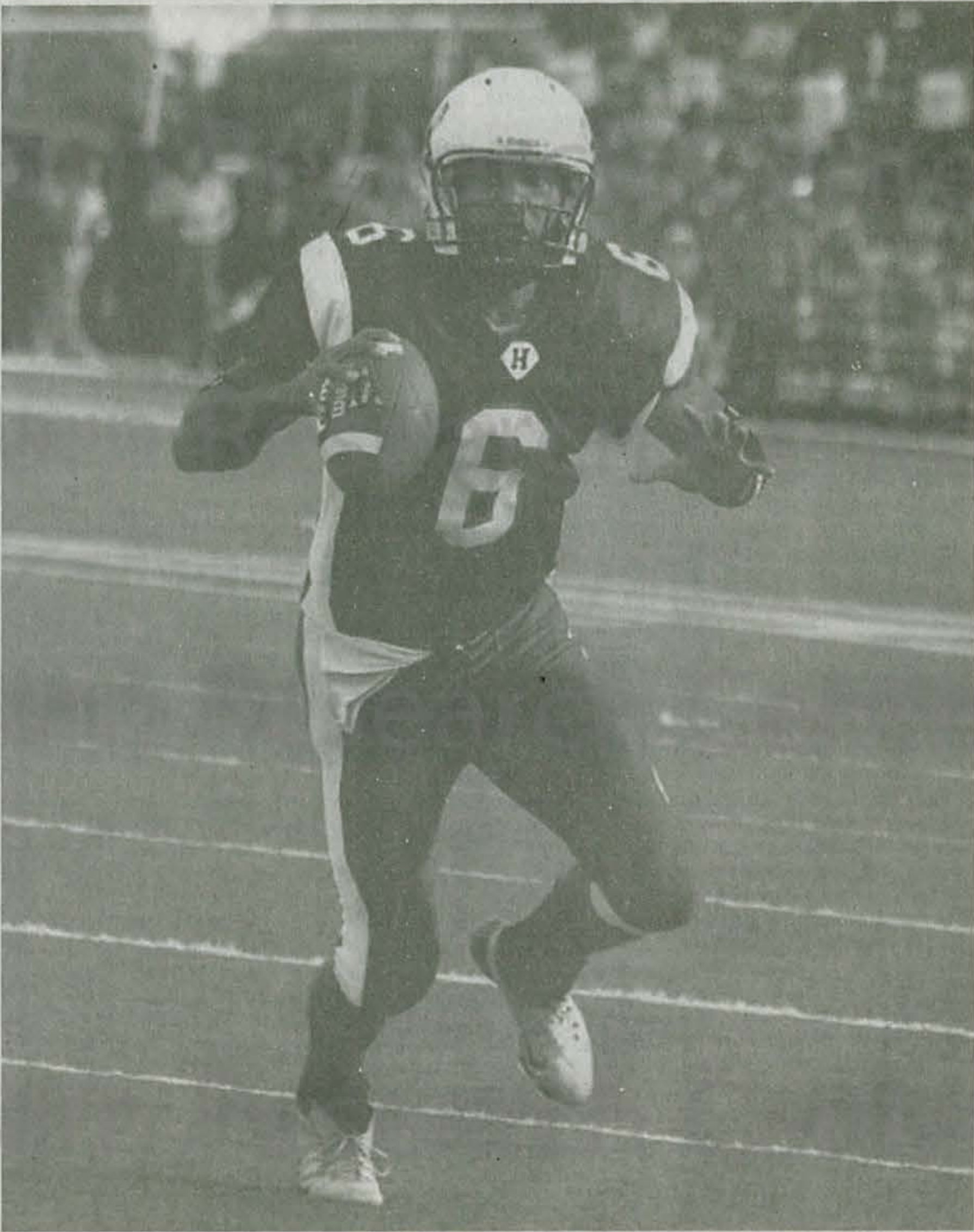
"It was one of those where if you execute you are the smartest guy in the world," Morgan State's head coach Donald Hill-Eley said.

Using the momentum that was now on the Bison's side, Moreno stormed down the field and went ahead on a 9-yard touchdown pass to Kelvin Tyson. Maybe the Bison scored too quickly as they left 1:46 on the clock. Just enough time for Morgan State to kick a 35-yard field goal with no time left to send the game into overtime.

"Late in the game when we were down by 12, I expected the fans to leave," Johnson said. "But when I looked up and saw them hanging in there with us, it gave us a boost."

For the first time all year the Bison gained more yards in the air (227) then they did on the ground (156).

The Bison will put their four game winning streak on the line next Saturday in Greensboro, NC when they play North Carolina A&T at 6:30 p.m.



Marcos Moreno (6) came up big in the Bison win over Morgan State, passing for two touchdowns and running for two, including the game winner.

Bison Cross Country Team Strides Toward MEAC Titles

BY KONAHE JERNIGAN
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With the end of the season close on their heels, the cross country team is making powerful strides with the hope of overtaking the MEAC conference and winning the championship.

Coach Michael Merritt told The Hilltop earlier this semester that his program was run by a simple formula: stick to the basics. This formula has proven to be successful with many runners improving their times and running personal bests this season.

Over the course of this semester

the team has run and fared well against nationally ranked teams such as Maryland, Clemson, Miami and James Madison. Both the women and men's teams have runners ranked in the MEAC top 20. But the focus of the cross country teams is not on individual standing.

As Coach Merritt put it, these teams are 'hungry' and out for championships. Coach Merritt said, "Whether or not we win will depend on how bad the teams want it. So far they've done well and shown 'take no prisoner' attitudes. Our only concern in the MEAC right now is Hampton. They've won two previous titles and right now we are the target."

There is no doubt that Hampton and other schools will try to prevent Howard from winning, but the cross country teams' confidence stands unshaken.

The extremely tight knit group believes in themselves and their abilities. Women's Assistant Coach Alaina Dearman said, "We've gotten stronger, and more physically and mentally sound. We're not worried about Hampton. We have a lot of heart and dedication. As long as we work as a team we'll do fine." The importance of teamwork is no mystery to this year's team.

Junior Ashley Vann said, "We recognize that winning is not going to come from the effort of one person.

Staying together and closing the gap between our first and last runner is what will help us win." The men's cross country team has not won a title for some time, and this year's group is tremendously eager to capture a title.

Senior David Wynn and junior Khary Kenyatta ran their personal bests this season and have high hopes of helping their team see victory. Wynn said, "I've upped my mileage and I've been going to the weight room more. I improved my time by one minute and forty seconds and I plan on doing better."

Fellow teammate senior Gerald Bright added, "I've doubled my mile

depth since last year and I've trained harder than I ever have. I'm in my prime. I'm not worried about other teams because they aren't as unified as we are."

Senior Edgar Sams said, "We're going to make some noise at conference!" Sharing in Sams' enthusiasm Kenyatta said, "Other teams are good, but we have a solid team and more depth than them. Since I've been running, each year we've increased our standing. We went from fourth and the next year to second, the only way to go is up!"

Marcos Moreno Makes Moves Player Profile Moreno

BY ZAKIYAH WILLIAMS
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Charming and intelligent describe Marcos Moreno in a nutshell. The Howard University quarterback is not only a cultured and well-rounded young man, he is also a major asset to the Bison football team. Moreno, a senior graphic design major from Hyattsville, Md. has made his mark at Howard University through his exceptional leadership skills on and off of the football field during his four-year career at HU.

When this senior quarterback is not practicing or playing in a weekend game, you could find him giving back to his community. With Hyattsville just a short car ride away, he spends much of his free time volunteering for his church and former high school. Moreno somehow also finds time to balance his active social life, schoolwork and extensive football practices into his weekly schedule. He often stays after football practice just to have extra time to work on the areas that he feels need improvement. Commitment is Moreno's middle name. He also spends long hours at his off-campus residence

studying for his classes and mentally preparing for games.

But taking on the roll of quarterback is no easy task. It requires the ability to think and make decisions quickly in the pocket with pressure and time mounting. Throughout his athletic career at Howard, Moreno went from getting a few minutes of playing time during his freshman and sophomore years to becoming a starting player in his junior and senior years. Moreno handles his job as quarterback with care and precision, always seizing an opportunity to perform. In the Howard vs. Savannah State game, Moreno displayed his talents when he completed 9 of 19 passes for 180 yards and a career-best of three touchdowns. Moreno gave the Bison the motivation and the points needed to gain a win over Savannah State. Moreno wants fans and fellow Howard students to know that, "There is athletic talent at Howard University and our team has the ability and power to be in the top league with other HBCUs," especially those known for their football teams like FAMU and North Carolina. As far as the remainder of the season, Moreno remains hopeful and optimistic.

"Our goal as a team is to come out undefeated in the last games, to have victory and go to the championship." His love for Howard and dedication to his entire team are the reasons for his optimism.

When asked what he has enjoyed most during the course of his educational and athletic journey at Howard, Moreno said, "I love how Howard is so family-oriented. It is exciting to meet a variety of different people of all cultures and all beliefs that are family oriented." Moreno referred to his friends and teammates as his family. Upon graduating, Moreno already has his career path set out. He has been offered a job working for the US Customs and Border Protection Service in the Analyst Office located in downtown Washington, D.C. He plans to work full time and still pursue his love for graphic design on the side. He encourages Howard students to stay on the right track and stay focused, and Moreno indeed practices what he preaches. As he prepares to leave Howard University to pursue his goals, he would like Howard students to remember him by this lasting impression, "I gave 100 percent in everything I did, in school, in football and in academics."



Senior quarterback Marcos Moreno was named the MEAC Offensive Player of the Week after a spectacular performance against Morgan State.

NBA Becoming an International Success, Yao Returns

BY COURTNEY EILAND
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Last Thursday, the NBA took its show on the road to Shanghai, China, the hometown of Houston Rockets' Yao Ming. Shanghai hosted the NBA exhibition game where the Rockets defeated the Sacramento Kings in an 88-86 win.

The citizens of Shanghai had much to look forward to as they looked on to their hometown hero, Yao Ming. This was the first time that Yao had played in China without his former team, the Shanghai Sharks.

"I felt really nervous out there," Yao said to the Houston Chronicle.

"But I was very happy to play again for the fans in Shanghai."

Yao went 4-for-10 collecting 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds in 26 minutes of playing time. He was also

forced to sit out the entire fourth quarter due to getting into early foul trouble in the first half.

"I did not give a good performance. I was so nervous. It was like the first time I played in the NBA," Yao said.

Despite a disappointing game from Yao, the 11,333 fans still supported every move that Yao made. While Yao was forced to sit on the bench during the fourth quarter, the fans were chanting for Coach Jeff Van Gundy to put him back in the game.

"Obviously I want to play him because he's in his hometown, but I don't want to overplay him given that it's only the second exhibition game and we have a long season ahead of us," Van Gundy said to NBA.com.

Many Shanghai citizens waited in line for over forty hours to get tickets for the homecoming of Yao to his native country. Every Yao

spotting was accompanied with screaming fans and numerous chants of "Yao Ming, Jia Yo, Yao Ming, Jia Yo (Yao Ming, add fuel)."

According to ESPN.com, teammate Tracy McGrady stated that he felt like a part of The Beatles when in the company of Yao. "It was amazing. I had to sit back and take it all in. I couldn't believe how people react to him, the true support he gets, the love they have for him. He's international. He's an icon. He's huge," McGrady said.

Kings' forward Chris Webber agrees saying, "The fans are loud and crazy."

It makes a great experience. It still amazes me that fans living so far away know you and love you."

The NBA has had several international preseason games, but none have topped how they were received this year, thanks in part to Yao. Just last season the NBA had

preseason games scheduled in countries such as Puerto Rico, Japan, Mexico, Paris and Barcelona. The NBA has become a global success because of the high number of international players that have come to play in America.

According to NBA.com, NBA commissioner David Stern said, "Although our games are available on television in over 200 countries there is nothing quite like showcasing our stars during the live game experience to cement our relationship with the growing base of international NBA fans."

The Rockets and Kings concluded their trip in China by making a final stop on Saturday night to Beijing which is where the 2008 Olympics are scheduled to take place.



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'El Matador' Down For the Count

BY RIVEA RUFF
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After getting knocked out by Felix Trinidad in an October 2 middleweight bout in New York, former welterweight world champion Ricardo "El Matador" Mayorga returned to Managua, Nicaragua on October 6 to face charges of sexual abuse. He turned himself in and was placed under house arrest on a \$9,000 bond.

The arrest was in response to allegations made last month by a 20-year-old woman claiming that he raped and beat her after inviting her to his hotel room in Managua. He was originally arrested on September 3 at Managua's international airport attempting to return to the U.S. He was released the following day.

Mayorga admits to consensual intercourse with the woman in the hotel but denies charges of rape. Latinosportslegends.com reports that a reporter quoted him saying that he had a "normal relationship" with the woman, and that "hotel employees are witnesses that she was happy when she left



Mayorga announced to reporters on October 5 that he was retiring from boxing after a (26-5-1) career

the hotel." He also claimed to have compensated the woman monetarily after the encounter.

"I gave her two bills of 500 cordobas [about \$60 total] and we said goodbye," Mayorga said.

The allegations have divided the Nicaraguan public. There was conflict outside the courthouse as Mayorga entered to turn himself in. A crowd of sup-

porters could be heard shouting, "Let him out!" while others made cries of "Accomplices!" at his cheering fans.

Mayorga's supporters have outraged some. ESPN reports that the number of fans that came out to cheer on Mayorga upset Bertha Ines Cabaales of the Women's Network Against Violence.

"It is a disgrace that so many

youths have become accomplices of a rapist," she said. "It's a disgrace that our society covers up a crime depending on who commits the crime." If he is found guilty, Mayorga could face a sentence of 15 to 20 years.

Mayorga announced to reporters on October 5 that he was retiring from boxing after a respectable career (26-5-1). Some of Mayorga's career highlights include stealing the WBC crown from Vernon Forrest in a short three round bout in January 2003 and later defending his title during a rematch in July. Mayorga's reign was short lived however when he suffered a loss to Cory Spinks in December 2003.

Before fighting Trinidad, Mayorga was scheduled to fight Jose Rivera this past April. However Mayorga was six pounds over the welterweight class, so he fought Eric Mitchell as a junior middleweight and bided his time for Trinidad. Mayorga went down for the first time in his career during the eighth round of his bout with Felix "Tito" Trinidad.

Kobe vs. Shaq Feud Rubs Off

BY COURTNEY EILAND
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In the Los Angeles Lakers 2003-2004-season diary titled, "The Last Season: A Team in Search of Its Soul," former Lakers coach, Phil Jackson has described his relationship with Kobe Bryant a "psychological war."

According to ESPN.com, Jackson wrote, "I do know that there were many occasions this year when I felt like there was a psychological war going on between us. Amazingly, we came to a truce, even to a higher level of trust. Ultimately, though, I don't believe we developed enough trust between us to win a championship."

After making numerous attempts to have Bryant traded both last year and in the 1999-2000 season, Lakers owner Dr. Jerry Buss who vowed never to trade Bryant turned Jackson down. Jackson stated that his frustration with Bryant became so severe that he expressed to general manager Mitch Kupchak that he would consider leaving the Lakers coaching staff. "I won't coach this team next year if he is still here. He won't listen to anyone, I've had it with this kid," Jackson wrote.

It appeared that Jackson's threat to leave the Lakers was true when just days after the Lakers fell to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA finals, Jackson was fired, but claimed that it was a mutual agreement between him and the Lakers organization. In the 2003-2004-season diary, Jackson also describes his frustrations with the Kobe vs. Shaq feud saying that, "At times the pettiness between the two of them can be unbelievably juvenile."

According to ESPN.com, when Bryant was asked how he felt after hearing criticism from

his former coach Phil Jackson, he responded saying, "He's just trying to sell books. I'll just leave it at that. I wish him the best at whatever he's doing now. I have responsibilities here, and that's what I have to take care of. That's it."

Even Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal had a chance to respond to some of the comments made by Jackson. O'Neal is hoping that with Jackson's book coming out it will expose that Bryant was the 'antagonist' in most of their feuding. "I've been around many people and I've never had a problem with anybody. So, I'm not the problem here, and I wasn't a problem there. But it doesn't matter now. I'll just sit back and laugh as I read it and say, 'I told you so,'" Shaq stated to the Miami Herald.

Although, Jackson claims that he also had run-ins with O'Neal. He wrote, "Coaching him was an experience that I will cherish forever." With so much new information coming out that makes Bryant look like the bad guy in every situation, his image has plunged over the past year and a half.

Sophomore physical therapy major, Kristin Kimble said, "I never liked Kobe in the first place. He has a cocky attitude and he thinks that everything revolves around him. Both he and Shaq have been acting childish. They make too much money for them to be acting like that."

Sophomore physician assistant major, Tasia Moodie said, "Kobe's image has changed a lot. I mean, he can still ball, but now I see him as an adulterer...trying to bring down his teammate with him. Aside from that, he can still ball."

The book titled, "The Last Season: A Team in Search of Its Soul," is scheduled to be released in its entirety later this month.



In his book titled "The Last Season: A Team in Search of Its Soul," Coach Phil Jackson discusses his hardships with Kobe Bryant.

SPORTS Briefs

Howard Defeats Wagner

Michelle Williston scored the game's only goal as Howard University defeated Wagner College, 1-0 in a non-conference women's game at Greene Stadium.

After a scoreless first half, the Bison (4-7-0) finally broke the ice when Williston on a nice feed from Raneika Bean in the 61st minute.

Howard out-shot Wagner, 11-6 and handed them their third straight loss (3-11-0). Williston had seven of the Bison's shots.

HOWARD 1, WAGNER 0

Wagner (3-11-0) 0 0 0
Howard (4-7-0) 0 1

GOAL: HU: Williston, 61st minute
ASSIST: HU: Bean
SHOTS: W:6; HU: 11
SAVES: W:1; HU: 3

Howard Drops Home Decision To FIU

Washington, D.C.—David Hope came off the bench to score both his team's goals as Florida International University defeated Howard, 2-0 in an Atlantic Soccer Conference men's game at Greene Stadium.

Hope, a sophomore forward from England, scored his first goal in the 28th minute on assists from Carron Williams and Mario Franca.

His second goal came on a broken play in front of the Howard net.

The Golden Panthers improve their record to 6-4-0 overall and 3-0-0 in the ASC while the Bison dropped to 2-7-2 and 1-1-0 in the ASC. It marked the second straight game in which Howard has failed to score.

MEN'S SOCCER

Florida International 2, Howard 0

Moreno, Pearce Receive Player of the Week Honors

Marcos Moreno has been named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week and Danual Pearce has been named the special teams' player of the week.

Moreno, a 6-4, 215-pound senior quarterback from Hyattsville, Md. passed for two touchdowns and ran for two more, including the game winner in overtime in Howard's 42-35 overtime victory over Morgan State this past Saturday.

Moreno, who passed for 227 yards and added 42 more rushing, rallied the Bison from a 12-point deficit with five minutes remaining in regulation and later scored what was the decisive touchdown.

Pearce is a 6-2, 225-pound freshman from Norfolk, VA who had two huge plays in Howard's win. In the first quarter, he blocked a punt at the Morgan 17-yard that set up a Bison score and in the fourth period, he came up big again, this time tackling the Morgan State punter for a three-yard loss on a fake punt that set up a key score for his team.

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Corporate Tax Bill Gives Big Bucks to Big Businesses

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Christmas came early for many American big businesses last week, as Congress passed the largest corporate tax break in almost twenty years, totaling \$137 billion in returns. Though at first glance the bill appeared to simply stop European Union tariffs that have been imposed on US manufactures since March, the legislation grew into a massive movement, as lobbyists from every business sector rallied for inclusion. The final product included tax breaks for all industries from ceiling fans and Hollywood movie-makers to fishing products and gasoline, with the average-middle-class American not included.

As the 633-page tax bill awaits President Bush's signature, citizens and students consider the effects of the billion-dollar tax break, and money the US Treasury and budget will

never see.

"This is a reflection of the leadership in this country," said senior marketing major Alicia Walker. "Hopefully, it will change when Kerry gets in office. He can then roll back the tax break. Being in the School of Business we are trained to work in corporate America, but most of us students are interested in running our own businesses. We don't come from the same background of those who this tax break will benefit, so I don't agree with the tax bill."

In the months leading up to the final drafting, to garner support and votes, leaders invited lobbyists and legislators to create their own "wish list" for tax breaks, according to The New York Times. A large inclusion of breaks for special interest groups and corporations grew criticism as the bill included cuts for NASCAR track owners, ship builders, Hewlett-Packard and General

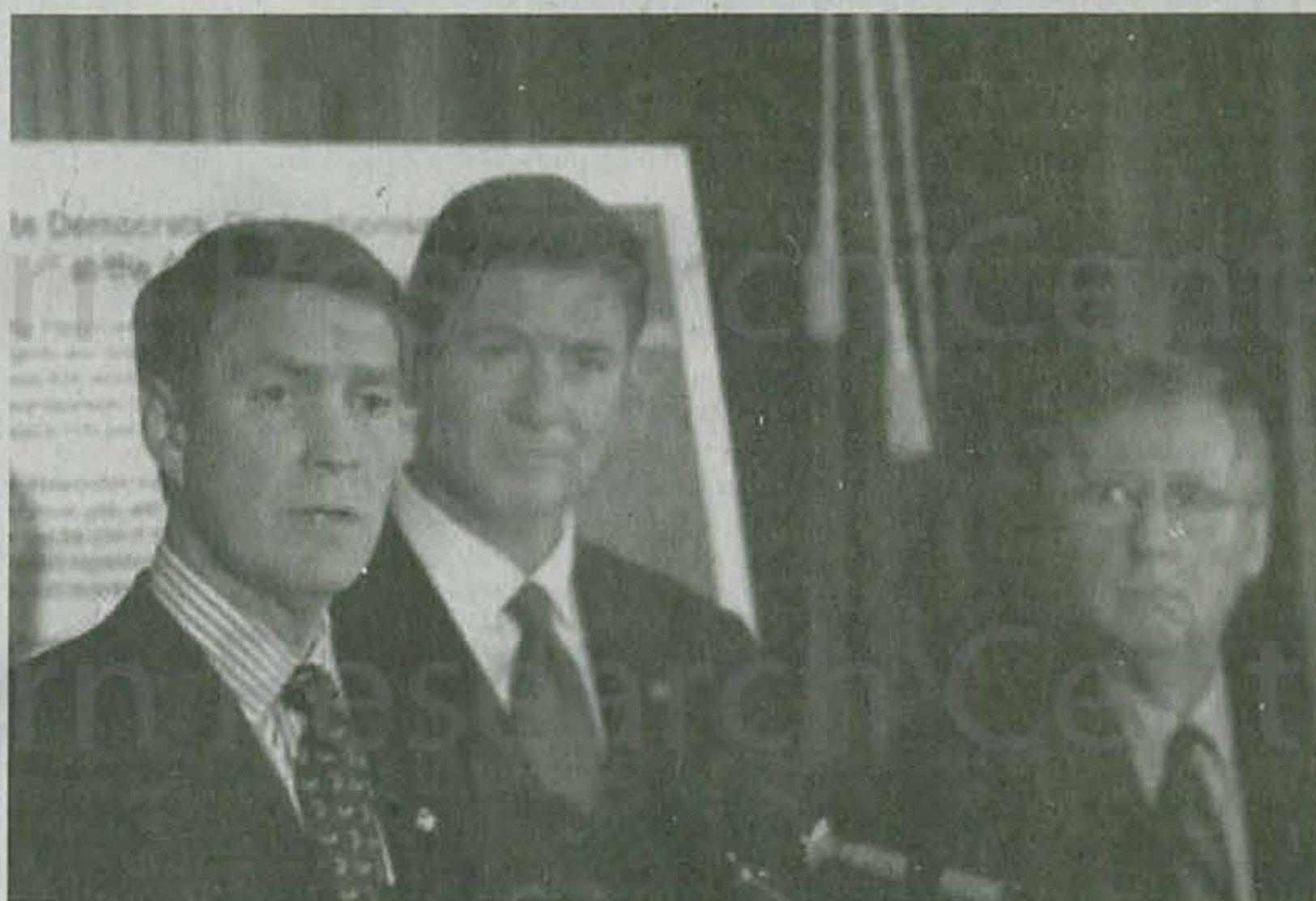
Electric, while coming down on corporations who have tried to bypass taxing through moving their headquarters overseas.

"I am sure we have lobbyists who fought for our interests," said John P. Zephir, an IBM zSeries pricing and investment analyst. "These tax breaks can be a good thing. Number one, the breaks can keep more jobs here and potentially benefit employment. This will stimulate growth in the economy, which is always good. Secondly, anytime you are looking at reducing costs, it helps companies be more competitive and keeps the market healthy."

However, for some students, the likelihood of the new corporate tax bill trickling down to have an effect on the economy and the greater community is hard to believe.

"Most likely big businesses will take the money and try to

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Senators Bill Leader (TN), George Allen (VA), and Mitch McConnell (KY) discuss Corporate Tax Bill during a Congressional session.

American Maglev Trains in D.C.

BY TOMI AKINMUSURU
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The District of Columbia may add another mode of transportation to its roster in the next few years. As an addition to the Metrobus and Metrorail systems, there have been recent talks about building an American Maglev Train in D.C.

These trains are called Maglev trains because they are operated by magnetic levitation. The advantage that these trains have over other modes of transit is that they are able to "fly" at very high speeds and low altitudes. Unlike trains and cars, there is no friction acted to slow them down; it is all controlled electronically.

"I really think that it would be a good addition to D.C. Many big cities have these types of things and it really helps to keep the flow of traffic in more order," said sophomore biology major Modupeola Dovi.

Not all students are wel-

coming the idea for the Howard area or the general D.C. community.

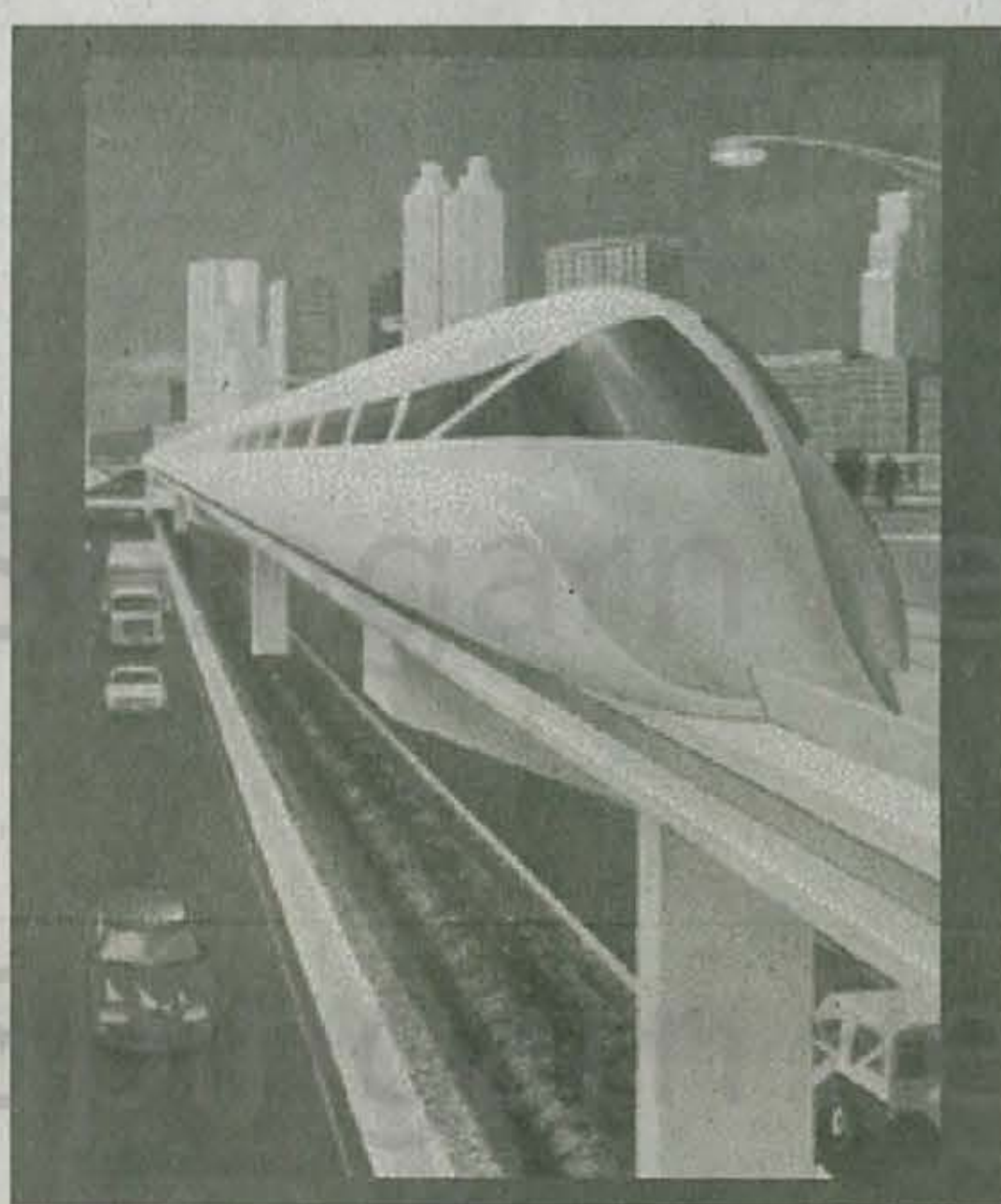
"I don't think it's a good idea. Where is it going to be built? There really isn't any land space," said senior chemistry major Brandon Brown.

Junior psychology major Keven Quail concurs with Brown.

"I don't see the point," Quail said. "I assumed that the trains were just like the metrorails. I really don't think that the area needs it."

Apart from the obvious fact that the Maglev trains do not use fuel, the other benefit of them is that they run much more quickly than the metrorails. Because they do not depend on friction for deceleration, they are able to get to each stop more quickly and leave more quickly. Therefore, the routes would be done a lot more frequently, and there would be a greater potential to cater to more passengers.

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High speed trains are on their way to the District.

Entrepreneurial Profile: Dr. A. T. Whitaker

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Holding a toothbrush in her hands with the phrase "believe in yourself" engraved into it, 12-year-old Yolanda Manley walks into the lobby, smiling with fresh white teeth, after a session with her dentist, Dr. A. T. Whitaker.

Whitaker is a native of Washington, D.C. He graduated from the D.C. Public School System in 1973 and, after graduating from North Carolina Central University in 1978, Whitaker attended Howard University's Graduate College of Arts and Science. Entering

as an Environmental Science major, he transferred his work to the School of Dentistry.

Graduating in 1984 from the School of Dentistry, Whitaker entered the practice of dentistry after he completed his one-year residency requirement at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Southeast, Washington, D.C. and in 1986, opened his own practice in the District. Whitaker, who has been in practice for nearly two decades, attributes most of his success to his father Aaron Whitaker Sr.

"My father owned and operated his own business, a barbershop. With his success he was able to put my sister,

my two brothers, and myself through college."

Whitaker also has two children of his own. Lauren Whitaker, the oldest and a recent graduate of the University of Virginia, obtained a degree in psychology. Lauren hopes to attend Howard University's School of Dentistry so that she may walk in her father's footsteps. Whitaker's youngest daughter, Kristen, is a junior at the University of Pennsylvania majoring in Pre-Medicine. Whitaker thinks that they both may eventually enter the field of dentistry.

Whitaker also appreciates Howard University for the

opportunities it has bestowed upon him.

"Coming from Howard, which is an HBCU, I was encouraged to stay in my community; that is, in my environment," said Whitaker. "The experience of working with minorities and less fortunate persons empowered me to reach out to the community and give back. As a Black man I am happy to be in a position of leadership. I love being an example or a role model, to show our youth that they can also achieve success, right here in their section of the city."

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Investment of the Week:

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Online brokerage firms, or e-brokers, can be a struggling college student's best friend. This contemporary method of trading has revolutionized the financial services industry since its inception. The main causes for this great shift from the traditional brick and mortar financial institution to a virtual entity is three-fold, as stated by Jason Wells of Computer Bits, an online financial magazine.

First, they all offer the ability to enter a trade order at any time and from any computer connected to the Internet, 24 hours a day. Secondly, many online firms offer real-time financial information that takes longer to get through traditional means. Finally, the trading fees are often significantly lower. For these same reasons,

college students will have an opportunity to trade with greater convenience.

Along with this convenience still lies a daunting question: Which e-broker is the right one? When deciding on an e-broker a few key aspects should be taken into consideration to determine the best type including personal investing style, security and reliability.

The personal investing style appears straightforward but many investors are unsure of how this may be relevant to their choice of an online brokerage firm. The best piece of advice concerning this aspect of choosing the right firm is for investors to understand their objectives for trading, the degree of risk they are willing to take, and the track record of the firm with which they are conducting business. If these segments interconnect, the inves-

tor has found a good match.

The next facet of this selection process lies in an e-broker's security. There is no point in making an investment if there is no way to protect it from invasion. In today's technological age, online theft will always exist but most e-brokers protect themselves and their clients with online security systems like Secure Socket Layer, which encrypts all the information between the web server and a user's browser. This of course is not the end all be all, but is successful against most violators. Once again, as long as investors exercise prudence by researching the security system the firm employs to protect their clients' transactions they should be safe.

Reliability should also play a crucial role in whether or not an e-broker should receive an investor's business. Many firms

advertise a fast and efficient service but some cannot handle large volumes of customers. The best way to decide e-brokers' reliability is to read reviews by current or previous customers.

Finally, when choosing an e-broker, understanding the disadvantages of a particular firm will give better insight on the digital firm. E-commerce can be a powerful and lucrative tool to the financially challenged college student, if that student applies the time and obtains credible information about what he or she desires to trade and with whom he or she desires to use to execute the trade.

For more information on e-commerce, selecting an e-broker or e-trading, refer to Wired.com, Motleyfool.com or Quote.com.

Spyware Attacks Vulnerable Computers

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Personal computer or laptop ownership is a responsibility undertaken by most Howard University students. And, many students know, common disadvantages include pesky viruses and their evil cousins, spyware.

Spyware is much more raucous and, at times, more destructive than viruses, which are more common. According to Business Week Online (www.businessweek.com), spyware is responsible for "hijacking" one-third of all Internet users' computers and was responsible for one-third of computer crashes last year. Knowing the facts about spyware and how to prevent it are the number one aids to spyware protection.

This powerful and elusive force called spyware is actually any type of illusory software that can, and will, install itself on a computer through the internet without the user's consent or knowledge.

After it effectively installs itself the real damage is done because personal information on the computer can now be accessed by "an outsider" according to Business Week Online. The information can be used for anything from adware, a type of spyware that tracks internet spending habits in order to send specific and unwanted pop-up ads, to password and credit card information theft.

Once these illicit programs accumulate on a PC or laptop, it begins to run at less than optimal performance. In addition to the computer being slow and dysfunctional, it's also more likely to crash.

Now that readers know what spyware is, they can decide whether their computers are infiltrated with the destructive disorder. Fortunately, spyware-infected computers give plenty of signals that the software is there. Being forced to change homepages, web sites that are automatically redirected, and an influx of pop-ups are all tell-tale signs that a computer is under siege.

If a computer owner does find himself dealing with this common issue, be assured that nearly every internet user has put their computer in jeopardy of installing spyware. "Simply clicking on a banner ad can install spyware" says Businessweek.com. Emails, and worms (or self-spreading computer viruses) are also common transmitters of spyware.

Another frequent spyware-dealer is free software downloads. Music-swapping sites like Kazaa, weather data sites like weatherbug, and other sites that

offer videos, games, and screen-savers often "bundle" spyware secretly into these programs, says Business Week Online. Frequently, users consent to these spyware programs when they click "I agree" after being confronted by a pop-up before downloading the program.

Software that requires such deviance to install and then causes such devastating effects is not exactly illegal. Business Week Online asserts that it is difficult to pinpoint whether the actions of individuals behind spyware are legal or not.

When a computer is infected with spyware its immediate removal is a PC-owners best bet. To actually rid a machine of the software, each individual file must be found and erased. This task is complicated by the fact that spyware is an expert at hiding itself inside a computer.

"Scan and removal tools" are also available from popular internet service providers Earthlink and AOL. These programs take the guess and search work out of spyware removal.

To prevent further attacks from spyware software, anti-spyware software is available. But, Business Week warns, these programs can be harmful because they might contain "spyware disguised as spyware cleaners." A common, reliable brand like McAfee, Spysweeper, Spybot are best bets for a good defense against spyware.

Other tools against spyware are personal firewalls which are included on newer operating programs like Windows XP, or can be downloaded from the internet. Zonelabs offers the ZoneAlarm, a free firewall available on www.zonealarm.com. An anti-virus program is also helpful. Again, choose well-known brands like McAfee and Symantec.

A computer can also be used as a defensive device. Business Week recommends setting the operating system to give daily security updates and setting the Internet browser to medium-to-high security settings.

All internet users are automatically engaged in a war against agents that would like to crash computers. Although there are lots of anti-spyware/anti-virus tools available, the best tool is self-control. Users should refrain from downloading material from websites unless they absolutely trust, take the time to scan licensing agreements before consenting to them, and resist the allure of banner ads. Viruses and spyware are scary creatures, but with the proper armor, there is no reason why all of Howard University should not be spam and spyware free.

New Tax Bill Neglects Middle Class Citizens

TAX BILL, from Biz & Tech B6

put it in salaries, which won't directly benefit anyone outside the company," said junior finance major Julian Giles. "Corporations probably do what they want and make personal gains, instead of increasing the equity for stock holders. That's why lobbyists need more support and regulation."

The Act was not without allegations of patronage including the bill's creator, US Senator Charles E. Grassley, who included a million-dollar break for Atlanta-based Home Depot's import of Chinese ceiling fans,

allegedly to appease Zell Miller, a Democratic senator from Georgia, who delivered the keynote address at the Republican National Convention. While bow and arrows industry's received a \$9 million tax break and \$27 million will remain in the pockets of foreigners who gamble on American horse and dog tracks, legislation to further regulate tobacco companies and tax breaks for companies who keep soldiers serving active duty on payroll were omitted from the final bill.

According to Reuters.com, Edward Kennedy, a Democratic senator from Massachusetts,

said in a statement, "On issue after issue in this legislation, elite corporate interests are the winners at the expense of average Americans. If the middle class is the backbone of America, then this bill is contrary to American values."

Kennedy is not alone in his unhappiness with the bill, as public interest groups and others fought to transform the bill to better serve all demographics and tax brackets, as they contemplated the need for a modern-day Robin Hood.

High Speed Trains Come to D.C.

TRAIN, from Biz & Tech B6

A touchy spot with a lot of Howard students is the lack of parking in the city. The overall crowdedness of the city brings doubt to some students about the effectiveness of another transportation powerhouse.

"The congestion in the city

is already bad, and I think that the new trains will cause more problems than any foreseeable good," said sophomore Cory Scott.

The proposed transit system would have a construction time of at least four years.

"I really just think that it is going to cause more chaos," said

physical therapy major India Bell. "We already have bad traffic due to unnecessary construction. I just don't think that D.C. needs that right now."

Bell went on to talk about how there are already plans to bring a baseball team to D.C.

"There is too much going on right now," Bell said. "Where is

the money supposed to come from?"

Theoretically, the train's revenue will end up paying for itself, and the system is a lot more inexpensive to make. However, taxes in the D.C. metropolitan area are already quite high.

"I don't think people really notice," Dovi said. "I mean, the

situation earlier in life with a dentist, I went nearly 8 years before I found one that I could trust," said LaViscount.

She is haunted by the experience of having a broken tooth snatched out of her mouth from a dentist in her native state of New York.

Mother of 12-year-old Yolanda Manley, Tracey Hendricks has been a customer since 1994. She is thankful to Dr. Whitaker for teaching Yolanda and her 16-year-old brother, Brian Manley, how to floss and brush their teeth properly.

Whitaker offers advice for the proper care of healthy

teeth and gums. "You should properly brush your teeth at least twice a day, routinely visit your dentist, and eat proper diets (not just junk-foods)."

For those who have not followed that advice, The Dental Office of Dr. A. T. Whitaker is located at 529 Florida Avenue, Northwest. He is a full-service dentist and proudly serves the Howard University Community during the business week.

Are Your Student Leaders Working For You?

Fill out this survey, and return it to the Hilltop Office located in the

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Look for the Student Leaders Mid-Term Review

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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!

1. Who is the current HUSA President _____

Who is the Vice President _____

2. Do you feel the HUSA Administration is visible?

- a) yes
- b) no
- c) uncertain

3. Does HUSA address your concerns?

- a) very Much So
- b) adequately
- c) somewhat
- d) not Really
- e) don't know

4. Do you feel the current HUSA Administration is a good representation of you as a Howard Student?

- a) yes
- b) no
- c) uncertain

5. If there was ever an incident year where your interests were at stake do you feel the current HUSA Administration would vocalize your opinion as a student to the Howard administration

a) Yes I am most certain the current administration could voice my concerns as a student
b) No, the administration is so far removed from the student body to voice my concern
c) Uncertain, I do not know enough about the current HUSA administration to make an informed decision.

6. If there was ever a problem would you feel comfortable going to the HUSA Office to discuss your issue unannounced with the whomever was in the office at the time.

- a) yes
- b) no

7. Do you feel HUSA has or will make any tangible changes this term?

- a) yes
- b) no

8. Do you hear about HUSA events?

- a) yes
- b) no

9. If yes, how do you hear about HUSA events?

- a) word of mouth
- b) fliers or bulletins
- c) email

10. Do you attend HUSA events?

- a) yes
- b) no

11. Do you believe you understand what HUSA is supposed to do

- a) yes
- b) no

12. Compared to last year is the HUSA Administration

- a) much better
- b) somewhat different
- c) about the same
- d) worse

13. Give HUSA a rating

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- F.

1. Who is the current Graduate Trustee _____

2. Do you feel the Graduate trustee is visible?

- a) yes
- b) no
- c) uncertain

3. Does the Graduate trustee address your concerns?

- a) very Much So
- b) adequately
- c) somewhat
- d) not Really
- e) don't know

4. Do you feel the Graduate trustee is a good representation of you as a Howard Student?

- a) yes
- b) no
- c) uncertain

5. If there was ever an incident year where your interests were at stake do you feel the current undergraduate trustee would vocalize your opinion as a student to the Howard administration

a) Yes I am most certain the current Graduate trustee could voice my concerns as a student
b) No, the Graduate trustee is so far removed from the student body to voice my concern
c) Uncertain, I do not know enough about the Graduate trustee to make an informed decision.

6. If there was ever a problem would you feel comfortable going to the Graduate trustee to discuss your issues unannounced.

- a) yes
- b) no
- c) uncertain

7. Do you feel the Graduate trustee has or will make any tangible changes this term?

- a) yes
- b) no

8. Do you feel the Graduate trustee could prevent a proposed tuition increase by other members of the

Board of Trustees?

a) yes, he or she is very capable of stopping a proposed tuition increase

b) no, the board would overpower him or her

c) uncertain as to the extent of his or her power on the board.

9. Do you hear about Board of Trustee meetings?

- a) word of mouth
- b) fliers or bulletins
- c) email

10. Do you believe you understand what Graduate trustee is supposed to do?

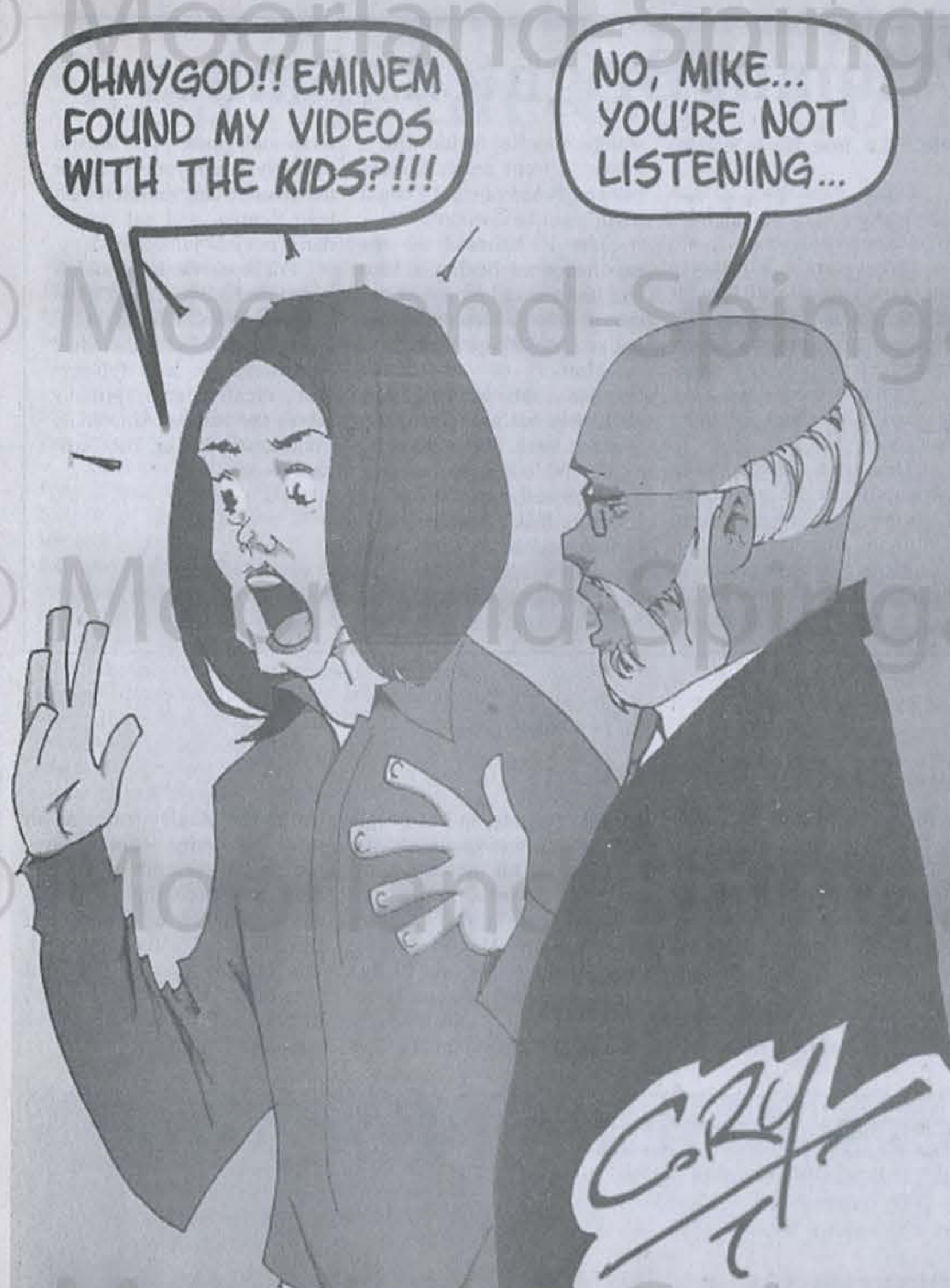
- a) yes
- b) no

11. Compared to last year's Graduate trustee?

- a) much better
- b) somewhat different
- c) about the same
- d) uncertain, I was not at Howard last year

12. Give the Graduate trustee a rating?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- F.



Music Video's Messages Starting to Offend

Artists cannot express themselves without drawing some kind of controversy. The latest incidents stem around an MTV and BET controversy with videos by Eminem and Prince.

Each of these artists are known for ruffling a few feathers, so it was no surprise to us when people became offended by their videos.

Eminem's recently released video for his song "Just Lose It," in typical Slim Shady fashion, pokes fun at a number of people. But not everyone was laughing. Michael Jackson was "hurt and appalled" when he saw himself spoofed in the video. The video took a number of stabs at the old king of pop referencing everything from his hair catching on fire during a Pepsi commercial in 1985, to the touchy subject of Jackson's pending child molestation case. Jackson asked BET not to air the video and they complied.

As much as everyone makes fun of Michael Jackson we think that it's crazy for people to try and crack down on one artist now! Michael Jackson is a public figure, and unfortunately, that means that everyone has access to his life and people will

At the end, it turns out that the whole incident is a dream.

While Prince's representatives say that there is a deeper point in this video and song, many people were not impressed by this expression. But we think that ever since 9/11 people are trying to be too PC and they are getting too sensitive. Prince's video had a great point.

All in all we think that if people have issues with videos that "offend" them, they should simply not watch instead of trying to ban them. Or perhaps video stations could put a disclaimer on the video saying that it is controversial. The bottom line is that we have a right to watch these videos, and in a society that loves to quote the First Amendment, the artists have the right to express themselves.

find a laugh where they can. It happens to the best of celebrities. Prince's video for his song "Cinnamon Girl" tells the trauma of a girl of Arab decent battling prejudice following the 9/11 attacks. The video shows the girl being harassed and then in a later scene, she sets off a bomb in a crowded airport terminal killing herself and others.

Our View:

If you have an issue with the content of a video, simply don't watch. Artists have the right to express themselves.

Gang Act Won't Fix Problems

Some considered it a low blow, while others thought he was just discussing the issues.

During the third presidential debate, rivals Bush and Kerry were asked to say whether they viewed homosexuality as a choice. Bush said he didn't know, while Kerry had a more opinionated answer.

"We're all God's children," Kerry said. "And I think if you were to talk to Dick Cheney's daughter, who is a lesbian, she would tell you that she's being who she was. She's being who she was born as. I think if you talk to anybody, it's not a choice."

No he didn't go there! Did he?

There has been much uproar about the comment. Call us insensitive, but we don't think that it was that big of a deal.

When Edwards made reference to Mary Cheney's sexual orientation, in the vice presidential debate, Cheney didn't really say anything. In fact when Edwards expressed "respect for the fact that they're willing to talk about the fact that they have a gay

very much." Furthermore, Mary Cheney has said that she came out a long time ago and she is very active in the gay community, so where's the secret? What's the big deal?

We don't feel like there is really a problem with Kerry pointing it out. We believe he was just trying to humanize and drive closer to home an issue that George Bush just doesn't want to discuss. He brought it up tastefully.

Bush and Co. need to stop trying to twist words in attempt to slow Kerry's momentum down. We can see how some may find the reference a poor choice of words, but in light of the issues, we think that Kerry had a right to bring it up.

daughter, the fact that they embrace her. It's a wonderful thing," Cheney actually thanked Edwards for the "kind words he said about my family and our daughter. I appreciate that

Our View:

The fallout from Kerry's reference to Mary Cheney is unnecessary, he used it to make a valid point.

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Apply Yourself!

Many of us here know what it's like to be a "broke college student." We whine about not having any money, stress out about how we're going to scrounge up enough aid to stay here, and some of us have practiced involuntary anorexia. But what if your state of brokenness was your fault?

The American Council on Education just put out a study that found that found 1.7 million low- and moderate-income students also failed to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Simply put: many college students who may have been eligible for federal financial aid don't get it because they just don't apply.

We think that that's completely lazy! There is a ton of money out there being wasted just because people are not taking the time to claim it. Some people bypass the process of

applying for the aid because they think that their parents make too much money for them to receive it. While this is true for some people, many people with this attitude could really get the assistance; they are simply underestimating the aid

FAFSA is a very detailed and complicated document to complete, there are plenty of centers and programs that will help students complete them, for free. Plus if you only have to sacrifice a couple hours of your time in order to potentially receive thousands for school, it seems worth it!

All too often people complain about how there just isn't any money, but we really believe that it's your job to get out there and get what you want. It's foolish to complain and stress about money for school when you haven't exercised all of your options.

We would like to see more people applying for these federal aid programs like they should. If people don't use these resources to pay for school, it could be an incentive for the government to cut them.

Our View:

Apply for federal aid and if you don't, refrain from complaining about not having money for school.

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Stop All the Gay Love

TAMIR MUTAKABBIR

What is the deal with defending homosexuality around the globe? I have been wondering this for a while. Every time I open up a newspaper or look at a television sitcom, I see homosexual behavior being portrayed as a positive and happy lifestyle.

Before I continue: yes, I have been labeled as homophobic, which by definition, I am not. I do not "fear" a homosexual.

In response to the Nigerian option on the style of hair of those athletes, I agree that it is ridiculous. But I don't agree with Mr. Gantt on his outlook of the whole thing. Then to mention the Holy Prophet Jesus topped it off. My response is this: homosexuality is not something that has helped any society flourish. The individuals you brought up, that may have had a part in history, were not recognized for being gay but because of their talents. It is one of the main things that destroy a society, along with promiscuity, drugs and violence. There is no way that you can tell me that homosexuality is a positive attribute. Would you put it on your resume

as a hobby? I don't want to change gay people though. I see everything as a sign. The same way I thank the Lord I am not crippled when I see a crippled person, is the same way I thank the Lord I am not gay when I see a gay person.

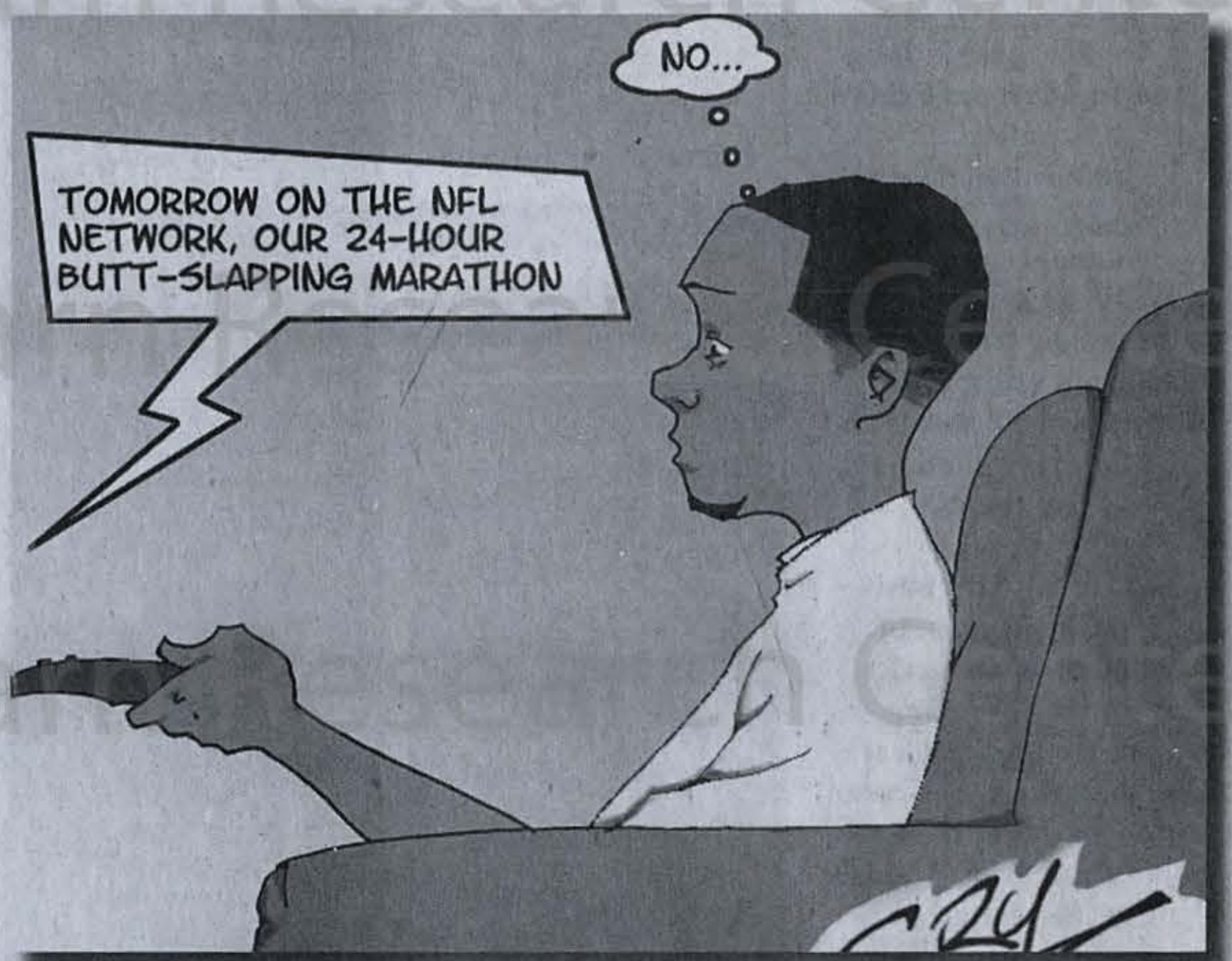
Please do not mention the influence of Christianity and Islam in your arguments either.

As a person who believes in God, I know that those religions are the results of God talking to mankind directly. Its followers are right about their opinions of the evils of homosexuality.

My suggestion is to be careful of what you defend. You may be defending the very being you don't want to be a friend of: the Devil himself. When you defend something there has to be something there worth fighting for. If you are fighting for your life fine, but why fight for something whose very essence is the opposite of right.

You will not convince me that what I am saying is wrong with invented terms like Homophobia.

For comments Tamir Mutakabbir can be reached at itam1211@aol.com.



Voting And Supporting Black Owned Businesses Are Equally Important

KYLE MOFFETT

January 30, 2004 - I often wonder how better off our economic situation would be if we pushed supporting Black businesses as hard as we've pushed voting. Now I understand why we've pushed voting, we should all take advantage of a basic right we were once denied and so many of our people peaceably fought and died for. I also feel, however, that it is ironic that the one right we've had almost since the end of slavery, the right to trade with each other, is the one right we haven't fully exercised

since the mid-sixties. We will realize our next level or potential when we have successfully drilled our people to vote and support our own community-based businesses.

Consider the following:

Have you ever carried on a conversation with a parent whom you know doesn't invest much time or attention with their child? Have you ever noticed how those parents are usually the first ones to complain about how bad their child's teacher is? Now rational thinking people all know that educators can not be fully affective if they have to stop every other minute

to do the job parents should be doing at home. Even though we send our children to school, we will never fully benefit from our educators until we make the investment of discipline in our children at home. So sending our children to school is great, but making a sound investment in them at home and then sending them to school will reap much bigger rewards.

We encounter a similar situation in our communities. When we don't invest in the businesses in our community, they don't pay as much in revenue taxes. What ammunition do we give our elected representatives

when they go to fight for us at city hall?

We can not just vote for our civic leaders and then sit back and complain about them. We must see to it that they have the support they need to represent us. Our representatives must be able to show value and growth in our communities. Only we can give them that tool. How? As consumers, we must respect and support our community-based businesses. As Black owned businesses, we must respect our black consumers and reinvest in our own companies and in the community. Only then will

we realize our next level of potential.

So go to your precinct and vote. Then stay in your precinct and buy!

Kyle Maffett is the president of USEBOBO.com (Use Black Owned Black Operated).

Was the 2000 Presidential Election Really Stolen?

Or was the Union being Preserved at the Expense Of African-Americans?

ADRIAN TAYLOR

The idea that "We the people of the United States didn't vote for Bush in 2000--Bush and his people stole the election--" is pretty much accepted in the African-American community. I think it is time for this idea to be critically scrutinized.

Now, this idea is true to an extent. This is a country of laws, rooted in a "constituted structure" that is not always just. What human system does not have people operating it divorced of multiple political values and political ideologies? Contrary to popular belief, the U.S. does not have the monopoly on injustice.

However, a significant portion of the voters in 2000, about half, did vote for Bush and will vote for him again in November. This fact says a lot about the U.S. and resonates throughout the world. It also says that the rest of this country, especially the nonvoters, another significant statistical portion of this country, do not care and/or are apathetic for a variety of reasons. In one respect, our non-voting kindred and really the majority of the country if we include the non-participants with the Bush voters, are willful accomplices to Bush's crimes against humanity-- if we take the UN deemed illegal War in Iraq seriously.

Even those who voted against Bush are still Americans and are responsible for what this government does, whether it's Bush or Kerry occupying the White House. The rest of the world sees us as one body divided, but one. Yet, what nation does not have a similar dynamic? In this sense, nations are inherently heterogeneous but are still nations. Correspondingly, I'm sure the families of the innocent Iraqi's that are being killed by the U.S. do not see the killers as Democrats or Republicans, they see them as Americans. Again, oppression and even imperialistic pursuits have gone on no matter what "party" has been in

office.

Arguably, Kerry has the potential to be quite oppressive if elected. Look at his foreign policy. It's very similar to George Bush's. It seems that Kerry is just going to garner more international buy-in, and have other countries volunteer their "under-classes" to die alongside America's "under-class".

Getting back to this "stole the election" piece, our government is structurally set up to do what it did: (s)elect Bush. Bush is the third president to loose the popular election and still win the presidency. Similarly, when "problems" do arise, we have it set up in such a "structural" way for our other branches of government to take affect i.e. the Supreme Court and Congress. The Supreme Court, structurally set up to be a "politically appointed body," selected Bush; a legal action in this country. In the same vain, our country has it set up for Congress to come in and "possibly" overturn the Supreme Court's decision.

And you know what? Congress, the Senate especially, did not overturn the decision.

Al Gore, Hillary Clinton, Ted Kennedy, John Edwards and yes, even John F. Kerry, all senators, did not protest Bush's appointment. They must be held accountable. They even negated the pleas of the Congressional Black Caucus. In all reality, these White senators came together to save their Union, no matter the injustice, echoing Clintons 2004 Democratic National Convention speech.

Thus, the democrats, our elected officials, are culpable and will save their Union in crisis.

In this fundamental sense, I must admit, justice appears to be bound and Bush's selection was structurally sanctioned, not stolen in the strictest sense.

Hello Howard University Family:

My name is Brandon V. Ray, Howard University School of Business Class of 2004.

As I prepare myself to buy tickets and grace my beautiful alma mater, I wanted to see how my peers are doing so I decided to go on to The Hilltop online and check it out. I must say that the controversy still continues and I am very impressed with the articles and programs that The Hilltop is producing.

One thing I would like to say before I conclude is, as Howard University alumni, we must reach out and support one another because it is a very cold, cold world out there. I am a Human Resources Supervisor for UPS and most of the people that are

coming in for an \$8.50 an hour part-time job are usually our brothers and sisters. Most of the time , they are on government assistance and are just trying to make it.

Some even have degrees from Howard and other HBCU institutions. I am saying all of this to say that the world is really messed up and we need to empower one another and not bring down one another. Howard University, let's empower. Because if we don't our people, we'll perish.

With all my love,
Brandon V. Ray

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CAMPUS-DINNER IS ON ME. -SDT

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Wednesday, October 20 Health of Black America TBA Time: 7:25 PM

Thursday, October 21 Aerobics Night Wheatley Hall Lounge Time: 9:00 PM

Friday, October 22 Salsa Night Drew Hall Lounge Time: 7:25 PM

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Sunday, October 24 Call to Chapel

SHEEMA-GOOD LOOKING ON THE ATL TRIP. YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE ME MORE MILITANT, AREN'T YOU? -SHARA

CHARREAH-ONCE AGAIN YOU HELD IT DOWN, I MAY JUST MAKE IT A HABIT. -SDTAYLOR

Thank you to the people who gave me words of wisdom throughout this weekend. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

-Derrick Dennis

I will always love you mom. RIP 12-21-62 till 10-16-03

V. BROOKE-THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT. I CLAIM NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT. -SHARA T.

TO AVESHA LAUREN AND LAIRISHA-YOURE THE GREATEST NICOLE, WHAT'S UP? -SHARA

Thank You!! NAACP, Howard Chapter For all of your voter registration efforts!!!

Mike A.K.A "THE FUTURE" HAPPY 23RD BIRTHDAY! I HOPE TO SHARE MANYMANY MORE WITH YOU.

LOVE, Your 1 and only

Venus and Rhasheema can we work things out? I didnt mean it like that.

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presents BISON to the BONE!!!

This fundraising event will take place on Thursday Oct. 21 in the cafeteria. If you would like to sign up come by the HUSA office and speak with Taniesha or Kenian. \$5 Registration

October 23rd-A New Hope for A New Howard Invites You to Volunteer with Emmaus Services of the Aging HUSA is looking for 50 students to help package food and visit with seniors. TO SIGN UP e-mail: HUCommunityOutreach@yahoo.com

The Georgia Club will be collecting orders for our fall semester hoodies on Thursday, October 21 and Friday, October 22 in the Blackburn Center (in front of the Cafeteria) from 11 am until 3:30 pm. Don't forget that orders can also be placed online and that active members receive a discount!!!!

For more information, visit us online at www.hugeorgioclub.org or e-mail us at hu_gaclub@yahoo.com

S.P.R. E-Z Bake, Land o' Lakes, Emperor and Mr. Locked Up.

What's really good? It's been a minute since the crew has been fully assembled (all that bakin'). We need to get up soon and have a 'Fest, a tournament or breakfast at Wilsons. Holla at ya boi sometime!

-A Town Playa #1 aka "Sara Lee"

Plan to be wealthy?

Come Learn How.

Wealth Building 101 Tonight @ 8pm

Blackburn Auditorium

Happy Birthday!!!

Amazu Emeka	1-Oct
Alicia Wright	1-Oct
Ava Wilson	3-Oct
Aarib Parker	4-Oct
Adam Cooper	5-Oct
Yvonne Broomer	5-Oct
Makeia Carriere	6-Oct
Keenan Arnold	7-Oct
Courtney Hudson	7-Oct
Lawrence Coley	9-Oct
Lawrence Coley	9-Oct
Whitney Buggs	14-Oct
Abdul Marvell-Egala	14-Oct
Lauren Matnaw	15-Oct
Regina Mapson	15-Oct
Marcella Gadson	16-Oct
Shatara Hooke	16-Oct
Jasmine Russell	20-Oct
Brooke Strade	20-Oct
Charity Buckner	22-Oct
TreVon Elam	22-Oct
Renee Marshall	22-Oct
Chevelle Williams	22-Oct
Cheri Williams	22-Oct
Kayon Ridd	22-Oct
Derek Butts	23-Oct
Michele Austin	24-Oct
Jessica Abram	26-Oct
Carrienne McClellan	28-Oct
LaQueen Battle	28-Oct
Gisela Bradley	29-Oct

From The Campus Pals!!

A Phenomenon is coming...

Tickets are selling fast, so make sure to purchase them this week!